

Fall Ball to entertain 70 mentally handicapped

Volunteer Service Corps division hosts a retro-themed dance

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On October 15th, Community Awareness through Responsive Education will hold its annual Fall Ball for the mentally handicapped.

Over 70 clients and 30 staff members from group homes for the mentally handicapped in the area are planning to attend.

This year the Fall Ball will have a disco theme. Both volunteers and visitors are invited to dress in their favorite '70's attire, whether it be a pair of polyester bell bottoms or go-go boots.

There will be free refreshments and enough '70's music to cause disco fever. "It's a great chance to come out and have fun," said junior Mike Warren, the co-chairman of C.A.R.E.

C.A.R.E. is the special projects division of the Volunteer Service Corps. "We do something for the community every month, but we have three main events we put on every year — the Fall Ball, Santa Saturday and Swing into Spring," said junior Terri Gillispie, the co-chairwoman of C.A.R.E. "The Fall Ball is one of these main events."

The Ball invites mentally handicapped clients from group homes around the Winston-Salem area to come mingle and dance with students on campus. "The

residents love it," said Donna Jinks, the director of the Group Homes of Forsyth Program.

Group Homes of Forsyth has been attending the ball since its conception over four years ago.

"It enables them to associate with people without disabilities and feel more like a part of the community," Jinks said.

Though the Fall Ball focuses on the mentally handicapped, C.A.R.E.'s Santa Saturday benefits underprivileged children and Swing Into Spring is an event for elderly people. "Even if you can't come out and volunteer this time, we'll definitely need volunteers again for Santa Saturday and Swing Into Spring," Gillispie said.

There is a need for around 70 volunteers to help with the ball. "We would like to have at least one volunteer per client if possible," junior Mike Warren said.

"All that the volunteers need to do is dance with the clients and they're free to talk with other volunteers. We just want them to be interacting with the clients, whether they're dancing with them, talking with them, or even just sitting and eating with them," Warren said.

"Students have just as good of a time as the clients," Jinks said. Students interested in volunteering may call C.A.R.E.'s recruiting chairman, James Han, at Ext. 5290 or show up between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. Oct. 15 in Benson University Center 401.



Noel Fox/Old Gold and Black

What, no Galaga?

Junior Clay Rhodes enjoys a game of Killer Instinct in the Benson University Center game room, located across from the Benson Food Court. The game room is open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There are four arcade games and one pinball machine. The room is equipped with a change machine. Of course, if video game and pinball are not your style, Shorty's is right next door with two pool tables and a brand new Football table.

Pugh Auditorium projector goes pro

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Do movies in Pugh Auditorium seem a little crisper, bigger and better sounding this year?

This weekend's movie, *Grosse Pointe Blank*, marked the second time that films in Pugh were seen on 35 mm film instead of 16 mm film, as a new projector was purchased over this summer.

Not only are the movies better, but they are also more recent, as many newer movies use 35 mm film.

"Some more recent films can be shown, like *Men in Black*," said senior Tim Fisher, the projectionist. "The 35mm projector is just like the one used in a movie theater."

Although the first movie shown with the new equipment, *Con Air*, did have a couple of kinks in it, by the second showing, most of the bugs were worked out.

"The movie projector cost between \$2500

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Senior Tim Fisher
Projectionist

and \$3000," Fisher said. Although it is too early to tell whether or not this investment will yield more viewers, Fisher expects there to be an increase in movie-goers.

As of now, the 10 p.m. showing is most popular, with Saturday grossing about 150 students, the largest turnout of the weekend.

The movies are bought from Swank Production Company and although the films shown are usually blockbuster hits, the university can not get them until they have finished their cinema run.

"They (new releases) have to first go through the cinemas before they are released through

Swank," said junior Laura Hensley, the director of the film committee.

"It takes a couple of months before Swank gets the movies and then releases them to us," she said.

Usually, the film committee decides which movies will be shown. Some of the weekend movies, such as *My Best Friend's Wedding* and *Air Force One*, were decided this summer by Hensley. "I got input from my friends and saw which movies were the most popular," she said.

All movies are shown in Pugh Auditorium on the second floor of the Benson University Center.

The shows during the weekend (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) are \$2, and Deacon Dollars are accepted.

Weekday shows are advertised weekly and are free.

HOPE Scholars educate, prepare for trip

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In January 1998, Clay Hipp, the judicial advisor, and a group of 12 undergraduate students will venture into the tropical forests of Central America. Championing the university's motto, *Pro Humanitate*, the team will take part in a ten-day service project in Honduras's Agalta Valley.

The Honduras Outreach Program and Exchange is the latest addition to the university's series of international service projects. January's trip will mark HOPE's first endeavor in a third-world country.

Many students expressed a desire for more opportunities like the City of Joy Scholars, and Central America was a definite area of

interest," said senior Jessica Kent, a HOPE scholar.

Last year Kent and fellow senior Robert Hamilton visited Honduras to explore the country as a possible site for another communal service effort.

Hamilton and Kent's site visitation was made possible through Honduras Outreach Inc. (HOI), an ecumenical organization founded by a businessman from Atlanta.

HOI, owners of Rancho El Paraiso, a ranch located in Olancho, Honduras, strives to promote agriculture, economic development, health and education in the Agalta Valley.

In light of the organization's mission, "Helping Hondurans help themselves," HOPE scholars will work in conjunction with the people

of Agalta Valley in a construction project.

"HOPE is called an exchange program because our interaction with the Hondurans is the most important part of our trip," Kent said. "By going through a large organization like HOI, which aims to be obsolete, we can be part of an ongoing process that contributes to an even larger picture."

The selection process for the university's HOPE scholars began last spring with a series of written applications. An evaluation committee, comprised of representatives from the university and the Volunteer Service Corps, was appointed to review the applications.

By late April, this group of faculty members and students had announced the 12 candidates who

were chosen for the 1998 trip.

In the months leading up to their January trip, the HOPE scholars aspire to fulfill their second mission: promoting the responsibility of aiding third-world countries to the university community.

HOPE will kick-off a poster campaign to establish consciousness of the living conditions in the Central American impoverished regions.

On HOPE Day, Nov. 14, the HOPE scholars will solicit both student awareness and financial support for the program.

"HOPE is not so much a charity, but an educational program," Kent said. "Although we aim to facilitate learning in the Hondurans, they in turn, will teach us so much by giving us a glimpse into a different culture and way of life."



Carlton Ward/Old Gold and Black

Where's the horse?

The intramural water polo playoffs began last Tuesday and will conclude next week. Intramural football play-offs are also taking place now. Once these seasons finish up, intramural soccer season will begin. For more information about having an intramurals or club team, call the Intramural Office at Ext. 5838.

Spanish students volunteer, put language to use

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Spanish department using their Spanish-speaking abilities to help under privileged people in the Latino community. Students are volunteering in summer internships, as in the case of Cowan and junior Alex Wilson, who worked last summer at a clinic in Dallas. Others are also volunteering their time while at the university to help the Hispanic community in Winston-Salem.

Sophomore Kristin Hemric, the chairwoman of the Spanish sector of the Volunteer Service Corps, is one of the students who works with the Winston-Salem Hispanic community.

She started volunteering last year at Old Town Elementary School as a tutor for students taking English as a second language.

When she had originally tried to get information about this type of tutoring, the co-chairpersons of the VSC said that there was no information available.

Hemric therefore began working on her own, calling different schools with English-as-a-second language programs to see if they needed volunteers, and she is now in the process of revitalizing the Spanish sector of the VSC.

Hemric said she feels that part of the need

for the volunteering is due to the rapid growth of the Hispanic population. Last year there were 84 students in the English-as-a-second language program at Old Town Elementary, and this year the number has risen to 129.

Because of this increase, the time that Hemric can spend with each student has been cut.

She said that in order to be a tutor, one does not even need to know Spanish. "The point is you are teaching these kids English. If you know Spanish or a few Spanish words, it makes the kids feel more comfortable with you. It is a neat way, an unthreatening way, to practice your Spanish because they are just children," Hemric said.

Hemric also works as a translator at the Reynolds Health Center. She said she finds both to be very rewarding.

"I feel like I'm special, like I have helped people communicate with each other who couldn't communicate before. If you can't communicate, you can't survive, and they can't communicate with the new environment," she said.

Senior Carinne Keenan also volunteers in the Winston-Salem community as part of a program to earn credit in the Spanish department. Keenan is currently volun-

teering at the Forsyth County Health department and has tutored English as a second language at Old Town Elementary for the past two years.

Like Hemric, Keenan started volunteering because she felt like her Spanish-speaking skills could benefit the growing Hispanic population. "I like the contact with the people. Because I speak their language, they identify with me," Keenan said.

Keenan said she started volunteering at the Health Department over the summer to become familiar with the vocabulary. Because she works in the sexually transmitted disease and immunization clinics, she needs to know some very personal words, she said.

The responsibility involved with the job is one of Keenan's favorite parts. "They are dependent on me. I feel like I serve a purpose," she said.

Getting off campus and into a less developed area of town provides an interesting experience for Keenan. "I went into it thinking that I would just do it for credit, but I personally have gotten a lot out of it," Keenan said.

"Even when I am not translating, just to watch the people and what is happening is a real eye opener."

Crime significantly reduced, students taking precautions

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Since September 9, 1996, the gatehouses have been in operation nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Reynolda Road and University Parkway entrances.

The Polo Road entrance is closed during these hours. University Police, however, are not yet ready to link the decline in crime with the installation of gatehouses.

"Robbery, theft and vandalism are among the incidents the gatehouses hope to deter. There was a reduction in these kinds of cases and we hope it continues.

"But it's still too soon to attribute these decreases solely to the gatehouses since they've only been operating for one year," Lawson said.

Although some students have perceived a greater awareness of safety issues on campus, many other students have not noticed a drop because they are unaffected by it.

"My friends and I have always felt pretty safe on campus and have never really had

any problems with crime," senior Anne Burkett said.

University Police attributed the reduction in crime to the increased use of the shuttle service and increased student awareness following a few eye-opening violent crimes in recent years.

"Some students are taking more precautions, such as not leaving valuables unattended, immediately reporting suspicious activities and using the shuttle service," Lawson said.

"Students, faculty and staff members should make this way of thinking a habit and encourage friends and colleagues to do the same," Lawson said.

The crimes that Lawson said she sees declining are those typically committed by people outside of the campus community, such as trespassing, vandalism, loitering and car theft.

The sooner students alert University Police of suspicious activity, the more effective police can be in preventing crime, she said.