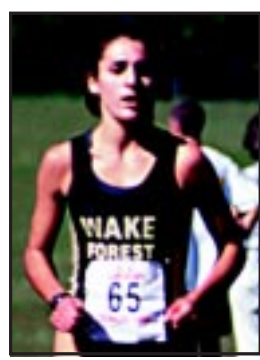


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Fire alarms cause campus-wide problems

By Suzanne DeBose
Contributing Reporter

A record number of fire alarms drove students from the comfort of their rooms this weekend. According to David Brown, the manager of safety and environmental affairs, students can decrease the frequency of the alarms by being more careful.

Seventy-five fire alarms have plagued the university this semester, and only two of them were caused by actual fires.

Since the beginning of the year most residents have begun to adjust to the new alarm system and the frequency of the alarms has somewhat decreased. "We

have been very impressed by the student body's response to the situation," Brown said. However, last weekend sparked a rise in false alarms on campus.

"This past weekend we had our first two malicious fire alarms, which means they were intentionally set off," Regina Lawson, the chief of University Police, said.

While these two alarms in Kitchin inconvenienced many students last Saturday night, many more alarms were set off last weekend by cigar, cigarette and cooking smoke.

"The main rise in alarms this weekend was due to cigar and cigarette smoke," Lawson said. Numerous fraternity parties were also interrupted by the alarms.

"The problem with fraternities is the smoking in the lounges; with winter, people are smoking inside more," Brown said.

Overall the Student Apartments have undergone the largest amount of inconvenience. "Student Apartments is number one with the highest amount of alarms, mostly caused by burnt food," Lawson said.

Between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31 there have been 19 false alarms at the Student Apartments where students have their own cooking facilities. "We have some culinary challenged students," Brown said.

The university is also trying to do its part to reduce the false alarms. "We will do fire safety presentations for any groups on campus," Brown said.

The university is also trying to get an alarm verification system that will wait a minute after a detector is triggered and then check again before setting off a full-blown alarm. "We don't want to have false alarms any more than students do," said Brown.

According to Brown, the fire alarms cost the university nothing. To prevent future false alarms, Frazier recommended that students keep stove burners clean from food buildup, that students in suites keep back room and bathroom doors closed when people are showering and that smokers keep their rooms ventilated and avoid blowing smoke around alarms.

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Project Pumpkin brings kids, smiles



By Britt Cagle
Contributing Reporter

Beautiful weather, energetic kids and enthusiastic students combined to create the university's annual tradition Project Pumpkin Oct. 30. Smiles appeared on many faces, as over 850 kids crowded on to the Quad for a few hours of fun, trick-or-treating and entertainment during the event hosted annually by the Volunteer Service Corps.

Each child was assigned to a costumed escort, and for the first time in recent memory, only a handful of escorts who had already worked the first session were needed at the second. "We were thrilled with the turnout from Wake students — they were phenomenal. We really appreciated their patience in waiting for the kids to arrive," said Sarah Speeg, a member of the 1997 Project Pumpkin steering committee. This

large showing made for a small ratio of trick-or-treaters to escorts, enabling each child to receive more individual attention, and allowing students to get to know "their kids," as they were called by the end of the day, better.

Twelve hundred children were invited from 35 agencies and groups around Winston-Salem including elementary schools, child care centers and after school programs. Most participants were socioeconomically underprivileged, and mentally and physically handicapped people also joined in the fun. "We get so busy with all of our own activities most of the time, but Project Pumpkin gives everyone a chance to slow down and help the kids have fun and feel important," escort Ashley Reed said.

More entertainment was provided this

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Above: Catherine Justice paints the face of a child at Project Pumpkin. Below: A clown entertains with balloon animals.

Lotus Notes e-mail server overloaded

By Jenny Blackford and Laura O'Connor
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E-mail through Lotus Notes has become unreliable recently with the server repeatedly crashing. The university is responding by phasing out the Lotus Mail feature over the rest of the year.

Although Lotus Notes has several beneficial features, including encryption capabilities and the ability to check Lotus mail through the Internet, it has been causing

some unexpected problems. The system is not working efficiently because of the large amount of e-mail going to addresses outside the university.

"There is more mail sent to the Internet from Wake Forest University in a day than a large corporation sends out in the same amount of time," said Jay Dominick, an assistant vice-president and the chief information officer. Sending e-mail to the

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Sororities vs. societies: Was it better before?

Questions raised about exclusiveness of groups

By Sarah Kutner
Assistant Features Editor

The recent loss of two sororities from the university's Greek system has forced the entire community to look at the bigger picture in an attempt to discover reasons why these groups were unable to survive on a campus which seems to be permeated by Greek life.

National sororities were established on campus just eight years ago. Compared to other colleges and universities where some so-

rority chapters are over a century old, sororities here are still in their infancy stage.

This fact inevitably raises some questions. Was it easier for small groups to survive on campus before the establishment of sororities?

Is the establishment of these exclusive groups on campus the cause of some of its own members' downfalls? History proves that the answer is no.

Before the establishment of sororities on campus, societies existed. Societies

were much like the present sororities: They were exclusive, they held rush, they lived together in the dorms, they held initiations and held social functions, among other things.

Societies, however, differed from sororities in many ways.

Societies were not national organizations.

They did not use Greek letters to identify themselves, but had unique, one-word titles.

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Chaplain shares his thoughts, advice

Christman tells students to take advantage of opportunities all around

By Ginny Bunch
Contributing Reporter

Professors and students come and go, but Chaplain Ed Christman is a part of the university whose presence remains constant.



Christman said that what he enjoys most about working

on a college campus is "spending time with students and faculty ... trying to make connections between Biblical stories and decisions people make about how they spend their

time, who with (and) what their goals in life are."

He expressed his concern that students don't take advantage of the opportunities all around them. "If you've never looked at a work of art in the halls of Benson (University Center), never been to a play or concert, never visited Reynolda Village, never written a poem or worried about the world in which we live or your belief in God, then your GPA is simply dust. Students at Wake can easily be trapped into believing that GPA and how many friends they meet are the most important things."

The central piece of advice Christman offered to students is to follow their hearts: "The heart will sometimes tell you things and it requires a certain faith to carry them out." He illustrated this with an example from his own life. "My heart said I should

not be a lawyer, so I went to seminary ... If the heart gives a vision, it should be followed."

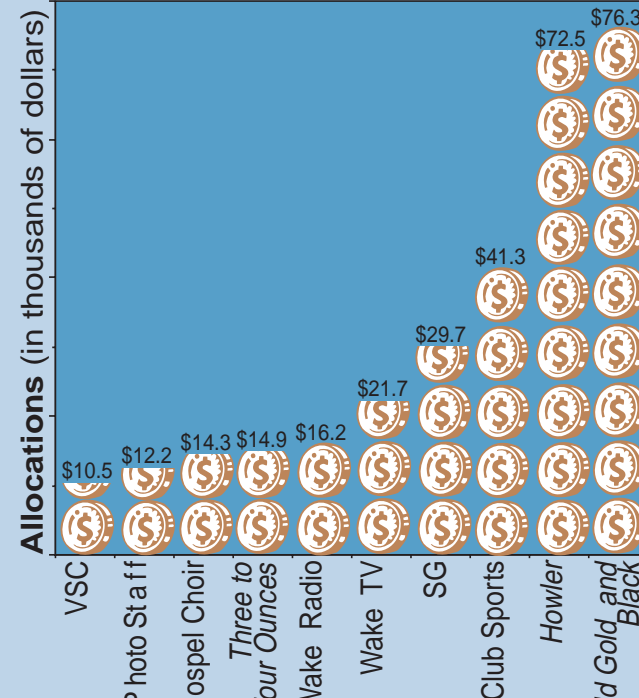
Christman has carried on the tradition of the pre-school conference, which originally was an annual planning meeting for the Baptist Student Union. He touches many students when they first arrive here through this retreat.

Christman has actually been a part of the Wake Forest community for 50 years. He is originally from Jacksonville, Fla., but his father was a native of North Carolina. Since his father worked for a railroad company, the family made trips occasionally. He said he remembers visiting North Carolina in 1938 to watch "possibly the greatest football game in history when Duke (University) beat Pittsburgh."

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Sharing the Wealth

Forty-one organizations were given Student Budget Advisory Committee funding for the 1998-99 year. The organizations listed received the ten largest preliminary allotments. Approximately \$53,000 remains to be distributed during the appeals process and in decision packages.



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