

# Chef perfects skills on trip

## ARAMARK employee travels to Europe to explore cuisine

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An ARAMARK chef toured California, Belgium and Germany for what he called a "culinary, cultural and chocolate" experience this September.

Charles De Vries, an ARAMARK employee who works in the Bake Shop of the Pit, was among 19 chefs from the United States, Mexico, France, Japan, Spain, Canada and England whom ARAMARK chose for the trip.

The first leg of his trip started in California. "We prepared a banquet for the executives of the Pacific Bell account," De Vries said. The 19 chefs worked together to prepare the dinner in the largest cafeteria in the United States.

After this, the chefs were whisked off to Belgium to spend two weeks touring the country and cooking for two of ARAMARK's largest accounts, Shell Oil Company and Credit Bank. "The executives of these firms called our dishes different, special and good," De Vries said.

"A common misconception that the Belgium people have of Americans is McDonald's," De Vries said he hoped that through his culinary work he was able to dispel that stereotype and show the more cultured side of Americans.

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crossed some culinary boundaries. For example, Belgians use butternut squash as a decoration and were surprised to learn that it could be made into a delicious dish that De Vries prepared. However uncommon the dishes which De Vries prepared, from tomato sorbet to a squash-and-apple dish, the reactions were universal. De Vries said, "Though it may be different, they were willing to try; they were very appreciative of the food."

But the trip to Belgium was not all work. De Vries was given tours of Belgium and he enjoyed exploring the less "touristy" niches of Antwerp and other Belgium cities. In one instance, he had the honor of meeting with one of the more renowned butchers of Europe. He also toured a private chocolate factory. "I especially wanted to taste things that were native to Belgium," De Vries said.

De Vries also learned a little about the Belgian culture. "(Belgians) take pride

in their food and their work. They are very proud of their country," he said. If asked the origin of a particular dish, "They will answer someone else stole it from them; and not in an upturned nose buy very matter-of-factly!" he said.

De Vries also visited Berlin and Potsdam in Germany. "It was incredible to visit the Berlin Wall and have an eerie feeling that just years before, this wall separated Berlin." According to De Vries, Berlin is undergoing massive construction and the people of Berlin are excited about the changes being made to their city.

In Potsdam, the 19 chefs reunited and prepared another feast for a training center for 250 bank employees. It was a time when they brought together what they had learned and their own personal talents.

"Now that we had all gotten to know each other we were more comfortable working with each other than we were in California," he said.

De Vries was nominated by his district manager and was chosen by the headquarters in Philadelphia to participate in the trip. The purpose of the trip was to "blend cultures through the culinary arts," according to ARAMARK. What was truly satisfying, according to De Vries, was the sharing of a common passion for food.

# WORLD WIDE

## Shepherds of Kenyan tribes lose cattle to cattle rustlers

SAMBURU DISTRICT, Kenya — Many of the nomadic tribes of Kenya are being robbed of their life's savings by cattle rustlers.

Shepherds of the Samburu tribe, who make their living almost entirely off their cattle, say that their herds have been drastically reduced in recent months.

Most of the rustlers are armed with automatic weapons and are from the Turkana tribe. The raiders have stolen around 60,000 head of cattle and brought them back to neighboring areas.

Though the Samburu have been hit hardest, both tribes have suffered losses. Some shepherds have left the plain and headed to the mountains for protection.

## Iraq continues stand-off with United States, United Nations

NEW YORK — The United Nations is considering a resolution proposed by the United States and Great Britain to condemn Iraq for the actions it has taken against American members of U.N. weapons inspection teams.

Iraq has refused to allow U. N. teams with American members to enter the country and perform their inspections, and has told the

United States that if it continues its flyovers with U-2 aircraft, they will be shot down. However, last month five members of the U.N. Security Council — France, Russia, China, Egypt and Kenya — refused to impose a travel ban against Iraq as punishment.

Though the United States has yet to rule out military action against Iraq, Russia and China are said to be opposed to using the U.N. Security Council as cover for a military attack.

## Microsoft responds to lawsuit, awaits next month's hearing

NEW YORK — In a 48-page response to anti-trust allegations, Microsoft Corp. said that including its Internet Explorer with its Windows packages is does not violate any laws.

Microsoft Corp. says that since previous rulings have allowed Microsoft to evolve its operating system, adding Internet Explorer should also be allowed.

However, opponents say that this time Microsoft went beyond its traditional software, and allowing Microsoft to include the Internet browser with all its software will allow them to dominate Internet content and unfairly favor its own browser.

The company has said that this lawsuit is part of a "perverse" effort to deny users the benefit of proven technology. The government has 10 days to respond to the Microsoft brief. The next hearing is scheduled for Dec. 5.

# RLH director expresses enthusiasm about work

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problems can be solved through honest communication before an RA becomes involved. As a result of this year's housing crunch, which occurred when more upperclassmen requested to maintain housing than expected, Carson said she is particularly excited about the opening of the new Polo Residence Hall in the fall.

With 194 beds, the residence hall will be a mix of two-story townhouses, studio apartments and units for handicapped students. "We don't have a facility like this on campus," Carson said.

Her weekly visits to the Polo site are "one of the happiest things I do each week," Carson said. She anticipates a huge demand for this kind of housing and describes it as "senior oriented." Lowerclassmen, however, will also benefit from the new residence hall.

Although they may not receive a room in the residence hall, Carson sees the residence hall opening up many desirable rooms on the Quad that were formerly taken by seniors.

Carson grew up in Charlotte, and she has family there and in southern California. She said she enjoys living in Winston-Salem because on weekends she is close enough to drive to see her family in Charlotte or to an N.C. State game. It is the students, however, that make the university such a great place to work, according to Carson. "The students are great; they're fun, smart and challenging," Carson said.



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**Connie Carson, the director of Residence Life and Housing, works in her office, located in the Benson University Center. Carson said that interaction with students is one of her favorite parts of working at the university.**

# SBAC releases preliminary results

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increase from last year but still much less than they requested. The Asian Student Interest Association received only about \$2,300 of the \$20,300 it desired.

Junior Praneetha Akula, the president of ASIA, said she felt her organization deserved more money, especially considering that its membership has increased 100 percent over the last two years.

"The limit on speaker funds which Student Government set only detracts us from employing one of the key means we employ to reach the Wake Forest campus. Therefore, the allocation we received demonstrates Student Government's lack of understanding of our organization," Akula said.

Marsh said that many of the funds ASIA requested were to be put towards bringing five or six speakers to campus.

The type of speaker that a group like ASIA would bring, he said, would overlap with some other groups of a cultural nature, especially since next year has been designated the Year of Globalization and Diversity. If a few of these groups would pool their financial resources, they could still attract speakers, he said.

Marsh also said, "We fund part of (a group's) speaker fund, but we can't fund the entire thing, because

the university helps organizations bring speakers to campus."

Gay and Lesbian Bisexual Awareness also received significantly less than the organization requested.

Sophomore Justin Lee, the vice president of the organization, said he was disappointed with the \$965 allocation but anticipated the figure to be lower than the request of over \$5,000. "I didn't expect everything that we asked for," he said.

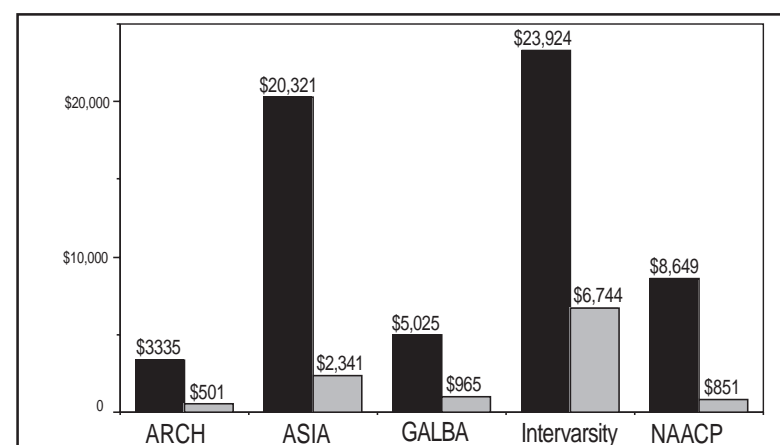
Lee said about \$2,000 of the requested funds were intended for speakers, but with the low budget, a prominent speaker is just not possible.

"Having a speaker coming to campus, especially one that's well-known, would do a lot to raise (gay) awareness," he said.

Marsh said that another reason some organizations were given less money than they requested is that they had listed food expenses, for which SBAC does not allocate money. "We aid groups to the best of our ability," he said, and he encouraged groups to appeal if they are less than satisfied.

Organizations receiving significant percentage increases from last year included Amnesty International, club swimming and club tennis, all of whose funds more than doubled.

The *Old Gold and Black*, which received \$76,200, and the *Howler*



## Short-changed

The above groups received the smallest percentage of their requested Student Budget Advisory Committee allotments. Discrepancies ranged from 9.8% to 30% of requested monies in preliminary disbursements.

Source: SBAC

Jamie Womack/Old Gold and Black

at \$72,500 were once again the organizations with the largest allocations, although both groups took slight cuts from last year.

Marsh said that after the preliminary recommendations were released last week, an SBAC representative contacted each organization and explained its allocation. Each group could then decide whether to appeal the recommendation.

The appeal process involves further meetings between SBAC and each organization, which makes its case for additional funds.

Once appeals are accepted or denied, the committee allocates decision packages.

"We should have all the decisions made by Sunday," Marsh said. "I think that there are a lot of groups that will be quite happy."

Marsh said that each group submitted a progress and evaluation report, which outlined organizational goals and reasons for specific funding requests. These reports help SBAC become more familiar with each organization and more prepared for each group's presentation.

# POLICE BEAT

## Laundry stolen from residence hall laundry facility last week

Clothing belonging to a student was taken from a Davis House laundry room between 1:50 p.m. and 6 p.m. Nov. 6. The items were worth \$878.

## Damage

Graffiti was written on the walls and stall door of a Reynolda restroom between 8 a.m. Nov. 1 and 8 a.m. Nov. 3. A toilet seat was scorched in a North Residence Hall restroom around 11:14 a.m. Nov. 3.

A storm window was removed from a Piccolo Residence Hall room between 5 p.m. Nov. 1 and 8 a.m. Nov. 4. A taillight on a student's car was broken between 10:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and 6 p.m. Nov. 7.

A ceiling light and a bathroom door in Taylor House were damaged between 11 p.m. Nov. 8 and 12:30 a.m. Nov. 9.

## Theft

A license plate was removed from a student's car between 10 p.m. Nov. 8 and 12 p.m. Nov. 9. The car was parked in Lot A, next to Wait Chapel and Efir Residence Hall. Five books worth \$600 were taken from the Z. Smith Reynolds Library between 8 a.m. Oct. 27 and 8:45 a.m. Oct. 31. The book jackets were found, but the text had been removed.

A university employee reported that \$40 was taken from an unlocked desk in Reynolda Hall between 5 p.m. Nov. 3 and 5 p.m. Nov. 4.

## Miscellaneous

A student reported that a suspicious person followed her from Scales Fine Arts Center to North at 10:05 p.m. Nov. 4.

University Police officers saw an underage student with an alcoholic beverage outside Davis at 11:46 p.m. Nov. 7. The incident was forwarded to Harold Holmes, an associate vice president and the dean of student services.

Two individuals riding bicycles near Student Apartments at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 7 were issued trespass warnings and asked to leave campus. The individuals were local residents who could not give a reason for being on campus.

Two students living in Palmer Residence Hall received harassing and threatening phone calls between 12:41 a.m. and 12:50 a.m. Nov. 8.

University Police received a call about an underage student who had been drinking and fainted at 12:24 a.m. on Nov. 9. The student was transported from her Davis House room to Student Health Service. The incident will be forwarded to the dean's office.

A student living in Kitchin House reported that someone made scratching noises at the room door and then left. The incident occurred at 3:30 a.m. Nov. 10.

University Police handled 65 calls from Nov. 3-9, including 14 incidents and investigations and 51 calls for service.

# RSA plans games, fun for theme week

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Next week is a chance to be involved in a project to celebrate residence life on campus and to have some fun too.

Resident Student Association is hosting Residence Hall Week Nov. 17-21.

Many activities that revolve around the residence halls have been planned.

RSA will be coming around Nov. 17 to each residence hall to check for that particular something that makes a dorm room special.

Prizes will be awarded for different categories such as neatest, messiest and best use of space. Winners will receive gift certificates or other prizes.

Competitive halls may participate in the Inter-Residence Hall Olympics. Teams of five students will battle it out on the Water Tower Field for the glory of being the best residence hall team on this campus; and that's not even the good part.

This week is not only fun and games, but also a way to do service.

Every day of the week will be a chance to recognize the people who make living in residence halls a little easier.

Some of these people are the housekeeping staff, the hall directors and the resident adviser.

Also, RSA is organizing a fundraiser for Camp Heartland, which is a pediatric camp for HIV and AIDS patients.

Hall governments will donate money and an envelope will be passed around for anyone else who wants to contribute.

There will be an AIDS Awareness Program and an American Red Cross Blood Drive Nov. 18.

"The idea was sparked by this fundraiser," said Erin Grall, president of RSA.

The week ends Nov. 21 with karaoke and BBQ in Shorty's where the winners of the contests will be awarded their prizes and *The Howler* will be distributed.

According to Grall, this event started a few years ago to promote awareness of different issues with which residence hall students must deal.

RSA leaders have been meeting with a programming committee to look at activities that could be planned for this week to provide entertainment.

Out of this came a list of activities that RSA hopes will make the week a success.