

# KKK rallies downtown, students protest event

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As a generation growing up after the civil rights movement, most students have not experienced the racial tension synonymous with burning crosses and men draped in white sheets.

On Nov. 21, however, students got a taste of it as the Student Government Race Relations Committee gathered students to protest a Ku Klux Klan rally minutes away in downtown Winston-Salem.

On Main Street at the Hall of Justice, a rally was held by Winston-Salem's chapter of the KKK. The two-hour rally drew crowds of protesters including many shocked university students.

Race Relations Committee member Khalid Jones organized the group that went to the rally.

"I think it's good that people come out to protest a thing like this, but it's even worse that we have to," Jones said.

Police erected metal fences to keep the crowds separate from the 50 KKK members, many of whom took turns speaking via microphone to the crowd.

On several occasions police officers had to force angry protesters, enraged by the KKK's harsh remarks, to stay behind the barrier.

KKK members referred to black members of the crowd as "monkeys and baboons," blamed problems in the Clinton administration and local store taxes on the Jewish population.

They also said that parents should not let their kids watch Barney because the purple dinosaur supports racial integration.

"If black is so beautiful, why mix it with white?" asked one member of the KKK.

"Then there's the NAACP — you all know what that stands for don't you? Niggers Against All Caucasian People," said the Grand Dragon of North Carolina, Jay

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Jones of Pilot Mountain. Students of all races were left in a state of disbelief.

"It's really sad to see something like this happen. It's sad to see that people actually believe this. It makes it hard to be idealistic when there are people in the world that have such a negative impact," said freshman Theravan Jarrett.

"I can't believe that people like this actually exist, it makes me ashamed to be associated with these people just because I am white," said freshman Elizabeth Goins.

Some of the KKK members tried to support their views with the Bible.

"In my Bible it says Jesus does hate. People, let's get real here today — you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free," Jones said.

"Using the Bible to justify what they're doing is just wrong. Words can never hurt us, but this is just blasphemy," said sophomore Maryam Rahman-Esene.

"I cannot believe that people are actually this ignorant," said freshman Christie Ward.

However, KKK members insisted that their views were not the result of ignorance. "We ain't ignorant, it's y'all that's ignorant," said one female knight.

The reaction of most students was similar to that of senior Raam Sambaudam. "It seems like a freak show," Sambaudam said.



Courtesy of Ashley Twigg

**Police separate demonstrators from Ku Klux Klan members downtown during the rally Nov. 20. The Student Government Race Relations committee members were among those protesting the KKK rally.**

# ALE officials crack down on underage drinking

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Contrary to campus rumors, Alcohol Law Enforcement has not been specifically concentrating its enforcement efforts on Forsyth County or Winston-Salem, but has increased enforcement throughout the state, according to Regina Lawson, the chief of University Police. "There is no truth to the rumors," Lawson said.

"There is a state-wide crackdown on underage drinking, driving while intoxicated and drug use," Lawson said. There is no specific concentration on Forsyth County.

According to Mike Ford, the director of Student Life, the increased enforcement reflects a new initiative by the governor's office to eliminate underage drinking.

He also said that North Carolina is "stepping up all state agencies" to enforce alcohol control laws.

Jay Stephens, the manager at Ziggy's Tavern, said: "I've definitely seen an increase in ALE presence recently. (The ALE officers) used to show up twice a month, now they show up twice a week. Anyone who attempts to drink underage or use fake IDs better be extra careful."

Junior Brad Preslar said: "(The officers) have definitely been out more lately. It seems like every time I go out I see someone getting busted."

Lawson said that ALE employs random enforcement of state alcohol laws. This means they "work bars and alcohol distribution points," according to Lawson. However, Lawson also said that state agencies very rarely come on campus. Before doing so, she said, they normally notify the campus police department.

If ALE happens to catch someone drinking underage, that person would be written a citation, according to Lawson. She said that if a person is under 19, he or she would be charged with a misdemeanor and be forced to make a court appearance, while anyone who is 19 or 20 would be charged with an infraction.

Additionally, Lawson said that anyone who is of legal drinking age caught purchasing alcohol for someone under 21 would be charged with aiding and abetting, also a misdemeanor.

Lawson also said that a university student cited in the section of Winston-Salem between Reynolda Road, Cherry Street and downtown, has more than legal problems. According to Lawson, these citations are reported to University Police and then forwarded to the dean's office.

However, Lawson said if a student is given a citation

in a different jurisdiction and identified as a university student, that jurisdiction will very often report the incident to University Police as well.

"Students are responsible for their actions on and off campus. Everywhere you go, you are responsible," Lawson said.

"Students who get cited (for alcohol related infractions) might have larger problems," she said. The university could help provide the appropriate intervention route through resources such as alcohol assessment and student health services, Lawson said.

The goal of enforcing and reporting infractions of alcohol policies and laws are not to get every student, but to provide a safe environment, Lawson said. "A big part of the university's job is making sure that students don't hurt themselves, or other students," she said.

# Brown leaves provost post for ICCEL

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Provost David Brown will leave this post in January to head the new program. "To link the computer revolution with higher education, there simply isn't a more qualified and talented person," Hearn said.

"Until January 1 all provost duties will continue. After January 1 those duties will continue. After January 1 those duties will be covered by others and I will be spending close to full time on ICCEL. I will remain active as a member of the President's Cabinet and therefore involved in general university decision making," Brown said.

According to Brown, Hearn has already begun making arrangements to cover the provost duties and hopes to announce his plans in the next few weeks.

"This week's challenge is to make arrangements to cover my responsibilities in the immediate future. Later the president will make a decision about when and how to proceed to identify my successor," he said.

The financial situation is not yet clear. Currently the university expects that ICCEL will pay for itself,

and IBM is not providing financial support for the program. "IBM is furnishing support for ICCEL through consulting opportunities and some limited staff support. The rest of ICCEL at present consists of already-in-place Wake Forest people," said John Anderson, the vice president of finance and administration.

Anderson will oversee the pro-

gram. "My role is oversight of the overall aspects of ICCEL: its three main areas—academic, consulting with other universities and training. Provost Brown will play a major role in the first two areas," he said.

ICCEL is still in the formation stage. IBM has been referring interested universities to this university for the past two years to look at how the technology has been incorpo-

rated into education. The university decided one year ago to create ICCEL. It is hard to tell the impact that ICCEL will have on the university and its students. Administrators emphasize the chance for the university to expand and build its reputation.

"For Wake Forest this represents a wonderful opportunity to share our experience, to help others avoid blind alleys, to influence positively the way computers are used in education, to gain support from IBM, to expand the pool of potential faculty interest in teaching at Wake Forest and generally to expand knowledge about Wake Forest throughout the world," Brown said.

Other than helping the university build its name, Brown also sees a growth in the university's knowledge and use of ubiquitous computing. "Since many of our visitors are themselves experts in the use of technology, we also benefit from a stream of knowledgeable experts who while here can meet with our faculty and students," Brown said.

Though this program will benefit other universities, the first priority is still university students, Brown said.



Courtesy of Wake Forest University

**Provost David Brown speaks on the new ICCEL program during a press conference Nov. 21. Brown will head the new program.**

# Worker receives special honor

*University dedicates a tree to woman who dedicated her life to service*

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Grace O'Neill, the former manager of the Magnolia Room who died last March, was honored in a tree dedication ceremony Dec. 2. The ceremony took place on the Spirit Walk, the area between Tribble Hall, the Benson University Center and the Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

O'Neill is among a small group of non-faculty members memorialized by the university. About 40 people attended the ceremony.

President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. delivered the invocation, followed by remarks from family members and friends and a performance of "Amazing Grace."

"Grace loved you, and you felt that love," said her husband, Larry O'Neill, during the ceremony. "Love was the very currency of her life, and she communicated it without words ... it was just Grace," he said.

"She came from the north, out of a Polish Catholic tradition, into a Southern Baptist community," O'Neill said. He and others spoke of how her lack of advanced education did not hold her back in serving others and making them feel special. "She was successful in her unique spirit," O'Neill said.

The speakers commented on her cheerfulness, especially in the morning, and her fondness for making other people happy.

They were impressed with her ability to make life better. As one said, she was "a part of making things better, simply a sunny side of life."

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Ed Christman  
Chaplain

Many of the speakers mentioned Grace O'Neill's generosity and the way she began many traditions.

Patrick Flaherty, an assistant coach for the football team, spoke of her commitment to the football players.

She made sure the team received a good meal the night before a game and the morning of home games. The current Mag room staff continues this tradition.

Her fondness for the orchestra led her to start another tradition, which her husband continues to uphold.

She would bring the Piedmont Triad Symphony Orchestra snacks during their long rehearsals when they did not have a chance to leave the building for a dinner break.

O'Neill described his wife of embodying the "true spirit of giving."

Chaplain Ed Christman offered the closing prayer for the ceremony.

"May she continue to live in our memory through the beauty of this tree," he said.

The tree is located next to Tribble, next to stairs leading down to the Mag Quad, and is identified by a plaque reading "From the Wake Forest family she loved."

# Guard makes friends among students

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stressed students can get especially during exams. I just like making them laugh to get their minds off their problems for a few minutes."

However, McBride does more than make students smile. He has also stepped into more serious situations to help out. "Last year a woman who was eight and a half months pregnant was stranded in the parking lot around eleven o'clock at night. So I took my break then, went to the police dispatch and got jumper cables to jump her battery," he said.

The funniest thing he has encountered while working at the library is the look on students' faces when the alarm sounds.

"There's one young man who sets it off every single time and we just can't figure it out ... often times, students will walk in with Blockbuster

videos in their backpacks and that will set it off."

McBride is well-liked among students and has made many friends since he has been at the university.

Many students call him by name in passing, ask how he's doing and take a mint. McBride knows many of them by name as well. He asked how one student had done on a test or a paper and said, "Make sure you let me know what you get on that."

McBride has been part of the community for three years. He is originally from Illinois and retired in January 1994 from Corn Products Co. after 31 years of employment.

After only 11 months of retirement, McBride grew bored and decided to go to a temporary agency. The security guard position was available, and he decided to try it. He initially worked in the gym. He said that this was when he became

especially interested in athletics. "I am a sports nut!"

This year alone he attended soccer games, volleyball games, basketball games and field hockey matches.

McBride has two children: a daughter who is married and lives nearby, and a son who resides in Illinois. "Sometimes my daughter accompanies me to the athletic events," he said.

McBride said he likes working from Sunday to Thursday, from 6 p.m. until closing. "It leaves my days free to play a lot of golf," he said. He also enjoys listening to Big Band music of the 1940s and 1950s, country western and bluegrass.

What keeps George here?

"The students keep me here," he said. "I don't have to work here, but it's fun, no stress and I enjoy seeing the students."