

Two vocal groups branch out of Agape split

By Lauren McSwain
Contributing Reporter

After Agape, the all-female, Christian vocal group on campus, dissolved last semester over disputes about its mission statement and purpose, two new all-female vocal ensembles currently are evolving.

The decision to disband, which occurred at the close of last semester, was a very difficult one to make. Fall 1998 was the first time the group had enjoyed "official" status on campus, with a charter, outside financial support, performance attire and a growing reputation as Chi Rho's counterpart.

Although the women sought counseling and joint mediation, the group was unable to reach a compromise. "We just differed," said senior Jennifer Kembrell.

One group, of approximately 12 women, has selected the name In One Accord, a reference to a passage in Acts of the Bible. With a directed mission statement and clear, stated purpose, the women hope to begin where Agape ended.

"In One Accord has a scripturally based goal," said sophomore Kristen Stewart, one of the founding members.

"Our mission is to be a Christian women's vocal ensemble, a group of believers unified in the desire to seek Christ and share the Christian faith with others in the Wake Forest, Winston-Salem and surrounding communities."

About seven women of In One Accord are former Agape members, and the remaining women were interested friends who joined by invitation at the beginning of this semester.

No auditions were held, and membership is closed for the duration of the 1998-99 school year.

The other group is not as far along in its development and is in the process of membership selection. Sophomores Aileen Socrates and Brittany Neal, former members of Agape, and Latayna Scott, a member of the Gospel Choir, are working to establish a singing group with a focus different from any other at the university.

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"The evolution of this particular group is going to be slower because we want to be very, very careful about what our purposes are. Our group's emphasis will be more holistic and community-service oriented," Socrates said.

"It will be a kind of ministry, but different from Agape. It will be a ministry to the soul."

"Treating people with human dignity is a noble concept most definitely *not* associated only with the Christian faith. It doesn't matter what your affiliation is. It is everyone's responsibility to serve in unity. It is the Year of Globalization and Diversity, after all," she added.

This new group is interested in singing for events such as the City of Joy Benefit, the Peace Vigil and Honduras Outreach Program Exchange, the Honduras service project, but it will remain less focused on performance and more on service.

Currently this group has no name, no official faculty sponsor and is financially supported by Socrates, Neal and Scott. What it does have is an idea of a mission.

Socrates said, "We want to promote sisterhood through community service projects and exploration of various genres of vocal music and to encourage spiritual growth within an environment of unconditional acceptance for all members to pro-actively uphold the fundamental value of human dignity in song and in service."

"We want fellowship with other service-oriented groups, to bring the inspiration of music to service-oriented organizations beyond the boundaries of the university and to live lives that embody the ideals of *Pro Humanitate*, service and universal acceptance of the human family."

The women beginning this ensemble want a group of singers representative of those emphases, with a fully diverse membership, of color, background and experience.

Membership in the group would entail a four-hour per week commitment — for the first three weeks, four hours of rehearsal, and from then on, two hours of rehearsal and two hours of community service with the group.

Potential members are encouraged to contact Socrates, Neal or Scott. Socrates said, "We are trying to find the kind of girl interested in sisterhood, service, and singing."

"We would like as diverse a representation as possible. Our goal here is *real* multiculturalism."

Leaders' program welcomes new class

By Whitney Brooks
Contributing Reporter

What does it take to be a leader? This semester 70 eager freshmen and sophomores will learn how to enhance their leadership skills through a 10-week program titled Leadership Excellence Application and Development.

The objective of this program, which began Jan. 30, is to teach students some basic leadership principles and skills and to have a special focus on how the students could become stronger leaders around the campus and in the community. Students become involved in the LEAD program through an application and selection process in November.

Mike Ford, the director of student development, is in charge of the LEAD program. He describes the program as being "a personal and leadership development program for freshman and sophomores."

"It also is great because it really brings people together, and is a diverse gathering of students who truly want to make a difference," he said.

He said he is especially proud of the program because it is student-run. A student committee of four upperclassmen helps to design the program and designate its main objectives each year. Sophomore Erika Harrison, a participant this year, said she is especially interested in the program because "it deals not only with leadership on campus, but people really get a chance to learn to apply their skills elsewhere in the community."

From Jan. 30-31, the 70 LEAD students participated in a weekend retreat to

Camp Hanes, where they took part in a ropes course and came up with their own group skits. "The ropes course was very interesting. It is a great time to get to know the group and build trust among each other," Harrison said.

Now that the group has completed its initial meeting, it will begin an eight-lab session in which the members will "participate in hands-on activities, look at case studies, and draw out some basic principles of leadership and development," Ford said. They will also bring some student leaders from around campus and a few leaders from the community.

Also, a very large part of the program involves the students forming their own proposals for the improvement of the campus. For example, LEAD groups in the past have come up with the ideas for the Student Shuttle service, the calendar in the back of the Student Handbook and freshman mentor program.

"I'm really looking forward to the hearing the ideas for campus life," Harrison said. "I'm also very excited about expanding my circle of friends. That is a very important part of the program for me." Harrison said that she has already met many new and unique people in the short time that the group has been together.

The LEAD program will end in April with its final meeting taking place April 7. This meeting will be a banquet to honor the participants in the program.

Harrison recommends this program to other students. "Students who don't participate are really missing out. They can still be a leader, but LEAD is very beneficial."



Kirsten Nantz/Old Gold and Black

A fitting dedication

Senior Stacy Schmitt and Dr. Cecil Price, the director of Student Health Services, unveiled portraits during the dedication of the new Student Health Center Feb. 2. The center is named in honor of George C. Mackie, an alumnus who served as the college physician.

BRIEFLY

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

Law School needs student volunteers

The Law School will be the regional host for the National Trial Competition Feb. 5 and Feb. 6. Students are needed to serve as witnesses and bailiffs.

Forty-four witnesses and 11 bailiffs are needed from 8:30 a.m. to noon Feb. 5.

Students are not required to stay the entire time.

The same number of students are needed from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 5.

The following day, 16 witnesses and four bailiffs are needed from 8:30 a.m. to noon and eight witnesses and two bailiffs are needed from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating may contact Linda Michalski at Ext. 5719 or e-mail at lmichalski@law.wfu.edu.

Students invited to eat dinner with strangers

The student alumni council is inviting students to participate in "Dinner with Twelve Strangers."

Students will eat dinner with seven other students, a faculty member

and alumnus at the faculty member's house.

Applications are available in Reynolda 306 and should be mailed to the Alumni Office, Box 7208, Winston-Salem, NC 27109 by Feb. 6.

For more information, call Holly Langmuir at Ext. 1161.

Psychology starts Colloquium Series

Karen Lyn Roper, an assistant professor of psychology at Spelman College in Atlanta will speak at 3:15 p.m. Feb. 8 in Winston Hall, Room C as part of the psychology department's Colloquium Series.

Roper's lecture is titled "How to Tell People and Pigeons — 'Forget It!'"

Discovery Series begins spring season

The Discovery Series will start its spring season with "Fathers and Daughters" at 11 a.m. Feb. 9 in the Benson University Center third floor lounge.

Guests will include Mike Ford, The director of student development; Paul Ribisl, the chairman of

health and exercise science department; Simeon Ilesanmi, an assistant professor of religion; and Linda Nielsen, a professor of education.

Slide show, meeting to detail Venice 2000

There will be an information meeting, including a slide show, for the spring semester 2000 program in Venice at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in Tribble Hall A209.

Olga Valbuena, an assistant professor of English, and Peter Kairoff, an associate professor of music, will take the group.

Speak Out seeks submissions for event

Policy Group for Rape Education, Prevention and Response invites students to submit anonymous testimonials of an instance of rape and/or sexual assault for consideration for reading at the annual Speak Out, a candlelight ceremony, at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 in Wait Chapel.

The Speak Out is the culminating event of Tie-A-Yellow-Ribbon Week (Rape Awareness Week).

Testimonials should be no more than one to two pages double-spaced

and should include no identifying information.

Testimonials may be personal accounts of an experience of rape/sexual assault, your feelings about the experience of someone close to you, a poem or any other creative format.

Mail typed, anonymous testimonial to Betsy Taylor, of the University Counseling Center, P.O. Box 7837 or bring it to the Counseling Center in Reynolda 118.

MBA school to hold information session

The Babcock Graduate School of Management will hold an information session for its evening and executive MBA programs from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 20 at the Worrell Professional Center, Room 117.

Honor Society accepts applications

Tri-Beta, the biology honor society, is accepting applications for membership.

Applications and information can be found online at www.students.wfu.edu/tribeta and in the foyer of Winston Hall.

Applications available for Royall Scholarship

The department of classical languages is accepting applications for the William Royall Scholarship, established in 1991 by a gift from the family and friends of Royall and his son, William B. Royall.

Royall came to the university in 1859 as a professor of classical languages and later was the first full-time professor of English.

Royall's son was a professor of Greek for 63 years.

The scholarship provides an award of \$500 for excellence in classical studies with preference given to students who plan to travel abroad to classical sites.

Applications are available in the department of classical languages, and the deadline is March 5.

Applications available for Hearn scholarship

Applications of the Thomas K. Hearn Jr. Scholarships for Excellence in Leadership and Service are available in the Volunteer Services Office and by the Benson University Center Information Desk.

Rising seniors who have demonstrated leadership and service to

the university and have accumulated at least a 2.75 grade point average are eligible to apply.

The deadline is 5 p.m. March 16.

Applications should be submitted to the Provost Office in Reynolda 204 or sent to P.O. Box 7688.

Correction

The Jan. 28 issue incorrectly reported the performance time of Lily Afshar. She will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 4 in Brendle Recital Hall.

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