

# Debaters look forward to successful season

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The debate team is looking forward to another successful year. Allan Loudon, the director of the debate team and an associate professor of communication, said he feels that "the team is experienced and has the potential to have a very good season."

Last year's team won various tournaments despite its young age. Essentially, the team did not graduate any members, and with the combination of experienced upperclassmen and freshmen, the team is in contention to win nationals. Loudon said the team could potentially have four of the top 16 teams as well as several other good teams.

The debate team has received invitations to compete in tournaments around the county. The fall season will be busy, but teams rotate so different ones will go

to different tournaments.

A team consisting of seniors Justin Green and Clay Rhodes has been invited to compete in the Kentucky Round Robin, a tournament held in later this month for the top eight teams in the country.

Green and Rhodes, both from Texas, share a team motto, "Don't mess with Texas." Green said he is "looking forward to having a big squad and having fun just hanging out with everyone."

Junior Emma Filstrup said she is also looking forward to a successful season. "Last year we were inexperienced, but this year the seniors are ready to tear it up," Filstrup said.

Filstrup is paired with sophomore Wes Lotz. The duo has been invited to compete in the South Carolina Round Robin, also to be held in this month. The competitive tournament involves 16 teams.

Senior Andy Geppert and sophomore Jarrod Atchison will also compete. Geppert

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Allan Loudon  
Director of the debate team

said, "We have a lot of institutional support from teachers that helps us get a jump on other teams."

Loudon encourages freshmen, as well as other interested students, to join the debate team.

"People have the idea that the debate team consists only of people who competed in high school. However, we want it to be educational. There are teams that have no experience and even competitions held specifically for teams without any prior experience," Loudon said. "The philosophy of the squad is that it is open to anyone."

Freshmen Mike Perry and Jon Kimbro

both said that they initially felt very welcome by older members.

"The team is very open and receptive. They're not arrogant. I'm having lots of fun," Perry said.

Aaron Harmon, the assistant coach, also encourages students to try out the debate team, as he found his personal experience to be very rewarding. "Debate has great value in an educational setting on many levels. It helps in developing research skills and in analyzing and criticizing the quality of arguments. My public speaking skills improved, and it gave me confidence in presenting positions to people and taking stands," he said.

This past weekend, the university along with North Forsyth High School and Mount Tabor High School, hosted the National Earlybird Forensics Tournament. More than 160 high school debate and speech squads, represented by nearly 1,200 contestants, and competed in the three day season opener.

Students representing 35 states gave more than 2,000 individual speeches and competed in 800 rounds of debate over the weekend.

Every hour and a half, each team went to a new location. The teams did not know which place they would go to next, so the scheduling was difficult.

Loudon said that most people had no idea as to the magnitude of the tournament. "We placed guests in eight hotels, which brought a large profit to Winston-Salem. Essentially, we hosted what amounts to be a third of the student body," Loudon said.

The university will also host the largest college tournament in the country in November. There will be 165 schools competing, representing approximately 35 states.

For further information on the debate team, visit the Web site at <http://www.wfu.edu/~debate>.

## Faculty makes plans for academic year

*Members discuss funding, endowment distribution*

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Getting back into the swing of things, faculty members gathered to discuss ongoing plans and fresh ideas for this academic year. The Sept. 14 meeting consisted of campus faculty and the undergraduate Calloway School of Business and Accountancy professors.

Presided by Paul Escott, the dean of the college, the meeting began with a presentation on the logistics of endowments, by controller Maureen Carpenter. She spoke on how endowments are used based on the desire of the patron. For instance, they could be put in restricted or non-restricted funds.

Next the faculty were given information about the United Way Campaign, which will take place Oct. 5 and is headed by Jack Wilkerson, the dean of the Calloway School. No details were discussed.

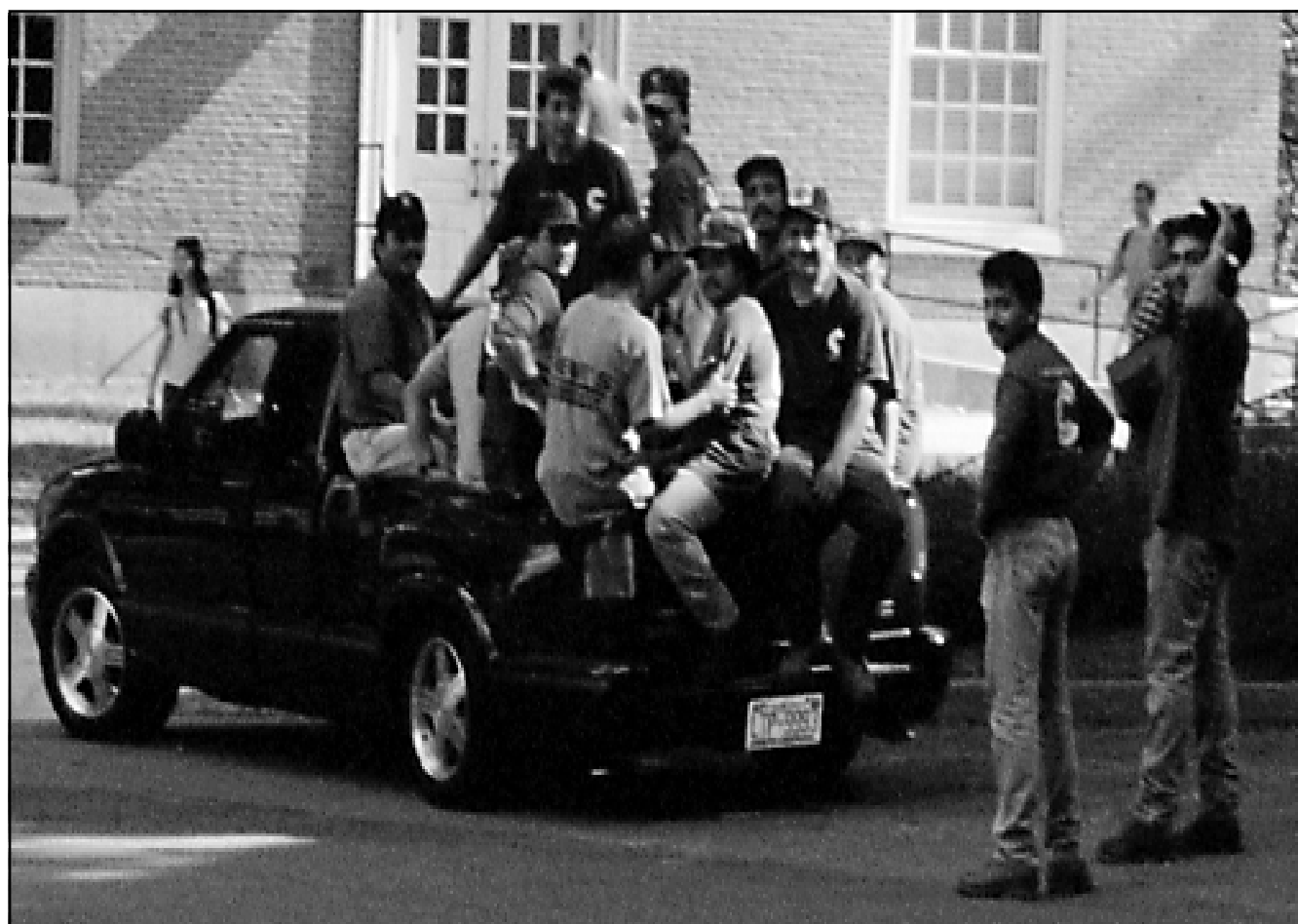
The faculty also discussed, some other technical facets of the university, including changes in the by-laws of the University

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Senate. The University Senate is made up of faculty from all university graduate schools and the undergraduate faculty. Duties of various faculty committees were designated and Herman Eure, a professor of biology and the head of the Senate, said he plans to strengthen faculty voice.

The last item addressed was the implementation of stipends to faculty as a new initiative by the university's Learning Center. The center hopes, through such a proposal, to encourage more involvement with students by faculty. It is part of a program called Academic Committee Engagement.

"Nothing very exciting comes of the first meetings of the year. More will happen in the future," said Jim Powell, an associate professor of classical languages and the secretary of the faculty.



Stacia Harris/Old Gold and Black

### Keep on truckin'

Construction workers pile into the back of a pickup truck to head home for the day after working on Reynolda Hall renovations. Workers are repainting the windows and pediments of the building.

## BRIEFLY

Campus organizations may have their announcements listed by sending e-mail to [news@ogb.wfu.edu](mailto: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.

### International Studies to host open house

The Office of International Studies will host its annual Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18 in the main lounge of Reynolda Hall.

The fair will include representatives from university and non-university programs.

They will talk to students about programs in all areas of international studies, including study abroad and internships for the summer, semester or year.

Australia, China, Europe, Great Britain, Japan and Latin America will be among the areas included.

### Business executive to speak at Babcock

Michael D. Lockhart, he president, chairman and chief executive officer of General Signal Corp., will kick off the Babcock Leadership Series with a lecture at 2 p.m. Sept. 18 in Worrell 1312.

The lectures are free and open to the public.

### Scavenger hunt open to all students

The Student Union Games Committee will sponsor the annual university scavenger hunt from 7 to 9 p.m. Sept. 23.

The scavenger hunt is open to all students, and the first-place prize is \$300.

There is no limit on the size of the team. Entry fee is \$5 per team. Registration forms are available in the Student Union office and, should be turned into Benson 335 by Sept. 22.

### Women's groups plan fall charity events

Women's studies, Women's Issues Network and the Women's Health Center of Excellence at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center will sponsor a fall initiative to benefit charity.

The program includes three seminars: one from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sept. 24 in Pugh Auditorium in the Benson University Center; a community seminar from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 25 in the Ardmore Cafeteria at the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; and a seminar for health care professionals from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in rooms 3 and 4 of the Ardmore Cafeteria.

The groups will also host the "Excellence Triathlon" Sept. 26. Proceeds from the event will benefit domestic violence programs in Forsyth County.

The event, which begins at 8:30 a.m., is open to male and female individual or team competitors. A 1.5-mile fun run will begin at 10 a.m.

Registration is \$35 for individuals, \$75 for teams and \$12 for the fun run. All participants will receive a free T-shirt.

For more information, see the initiative's Web site, <http://www.wfubmc.edu/women>, or call Kristin Kidd at 777-3946.

To volunteer, call Jan Lawlor at 716-4327.

### Gender discussion begins Series season

The Discovery Series will begin its season with "The Truth About Men and Women" 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Benson University Center third floor lounge.

The discussion will focus on dating, relating and communicating

between the sexes at the university. Sophomore Luke Fedlam, juniors Brian Hughes, Sarah Speeg and Audrey Young and seniors Abdul Guice and Lacye Huffaker will be featured speakers.

### Professor to speak on gun control

John Lott, a professor from the University of Chicago School of Law, will be the first speaker of the year for the university law school chapter of the Federalist Society when he talks Sept. 24 at noon at the Worrell Professional Center, room 1301.

Lott will speak on gun control and its effectiveness. He is the author of "More Guns, Less Crime" and is a controversial speaker on the topic of gun control.

All Federalist Society events are free and open to the public.

### Journalist to speak on neo-Nazis

Yaron Svoray, journalist and author of "In Hitler's Shadow," will speak at 7:30 Sept. 24 in Benson 401.

Svoray, the Israeli son of Holocaust survivors, posed as a neo-Nazi to record and photograph the movement.

### Biology honor society taking applicants

The university's chapter of Tri-Beta, the National Biological Honor Society, is now accepting applications.

Applications are due Sept. 25 and may be picked up in Winston Hall or printed off of the Tri-Beta Web

site at [www.students.wfu.edu/tribeta/](http://www.students.wfu.edu/tribeta/).

Information regarding requirements for membership may also be obtained in either location.

### Local journalist to speak on role of media

Dick Moore, the news director for WXII Channel 12, will speak and lead a discussion at 11 a.m. Sept. 29 in the Benson 401.

Moore will speak on "Leadership in the Public Eye: The Role of the Media in Shaping Our National and Local Leaders."

For more information, call the office of student development, at Ext. 5921.

### Open curriculum accepting applicants

The open curriculum program is accepting applications with a deadline of Oct. 1.

This program is open to students at all levels and provides an opportunity to design a lower divisional curriculum to fit the student's interests and goals.

More detail about this program is available on the university Web site at: [http://www.wfu.edu/undergraduate\\_college/open\\_curriculum.htm](http://www.wfu.edu/undergraduate_college/open_curriculum.htm).

Applications are available on-line and can be picked up at the dean's office.

### Study-abroad grants now available

Applications are available for the Fulbright grants for graduate study abroad in the 1999-2000 academic year.

The deadline is Oct. 1. Proposals may be in any field including the creative and performing arts.

For applications and information, contact Peter Siavelis, an assistant professor of politics, at Ext. 5451 or Timothy Sellner, a professor and the chairman of German and Russian, at Ext. 5363.

### Upperclass Carswell Scholarships available

The committee on scholarship and student aid is accepting applications from sophomores, juniors and seniors with outstanding records to compete to become Thomas E. and Ruth Mullen Scholars of the Upperclass Carswell Scholarships. The scholarships are worth an annual \$1,500 and may be renewed for the remainder of the undergraduate education, pending continued academic and extracurricular achievement.

Applicants should submit to the scholarship committee a letter about the student's major area of interest, extracurricular activities and desires for future study or work before and after graduation.

Each applicant must also have two faculty letters of recommendation to be sent by a selected faculty member to the scholarship committee.

The deadline is Oct. 15. There will be an interview phase, and scholarship awards will be announced Dec. 15.

### University appoints compliance officer

The university appointed Gary Eckenroth to the newly created position of university compliance officer.

Eckenroth heads the new University Compliance Office for the Reynolda and Bowman Gray campuses.

Eckenroth is the former vice president for human resources and administration at RJR Nabisco-Plant-

ers Lifesavers Companies, formerly in Winston-Salem.

He is a former member of the College Board of Visitors.

### Graduate schools to host art exhibit

The Babcock Graduate School of Management and the School of Law will host the art exhibit "Printmakers, Pastelists and Painters" through Nov. 16 at the Worrell Professional Center.

The exhibit is free and open to the public.

### Corrections

The Sept. 10 article "Anthropology holds year-long film series, incorrectly named the sponsor of the series. It is sponsored by the Year of Globalization and Diversity Planning Committee.

Previous articles incorrectly named former president of Costa Rica Oscar Arias Sanchez on second reference. Arias is the correct reference.

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