

Network failures interrupt Internet, e-mail

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Students noticed a disturbance in the campus networking system Sept. 21, when they were denied access to the Internet and e-mail services until about 7:30 p.m. The inconvenience was actually a combination of two non-related problems that both occurred that morning.

The network first went down at 4 a.m. as a result of a "multi-caste" packet that was introduced to the system. The device sends a large quantity of information in the form of electronic packets to every computer on the network.

As a consequence, the network becomes so tied up that other systems can no longer be accessed, which led to the incident.

"What the device was doing was sending out basically gibberish, and, in doing so, deafening the entire network, so to speak. What this means is that no one could get through to any of the other systems on campus. What we had to do was go through and unplug the different pieces of the network to try to localize

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In order to locate the system where the multi-caste was sending information from, it was necessary to begin unplugging different systems from the network to see when the packets stopped being sent.

There are four main networking points on campus that all direct different systems. When one of the points was detached from the network at 12:30 p.m., the packet disappeared.

However, the point that was separated from the network controls three different buildings, so the uni-

versity could not determine from exactly where it originated.

"We have no idea from where exactly the packet came from. It could have been an error in a student's network card, or it could have been done maliciously. Also, it could have been a piece of our equipment just acting up. Whatever it was, it stopped after we unplugged several of the buildings from the network, and did not reappear when we plugged them back in," Dominick said.

Although the packet was eliminated around midday, students did not gain network access until later that night. This loss of connectivity was because of a different problem involving the network's connecting fibers.

Earlier that morning one of the fibers was bent by a digging machine from one of the construction units on campus. As the technicians attempted to repair the bent wire, they ended up cutting it, which disrupted the network's connection.

Students were not able to connect until 7:30 p.m. because of the complexity of the damaged wire and the unpleasant weather that delayed the technicians.

"Once they started the repair process, it took about eight hours to complete because there are 48 individual strands of fiber that needed to be spliced together. It was also raining like you wouldn't believe, so our workers were huddled under a tarp trying to get the fiber fixed. It took quite a while," Dominick said.

Although the damaged fiber was repaired that evening, Babcock Residence Hall, Carswell Hall, Huffman Residence Hall, Luter Residence Hall, Poterat House and parts of Reynolda Hall were denied network access until the middle of the following day.

Although students knew the network was down, most of the ones interviewed said it did not affect their academic pursuits and was mainly an inconvenience since students could not check their e-mail.

"I kept checking seeing if I could get on," freshman Geoff Greene said. "It didn't bother me. I didn't miss anything, but it was aggravating."

Greene said because the network was down he was unable to look up a classmate's phone number.

Most students, however, were not affected or did not care. "I knew it was down, but it didn't affect me at all," freshman Sarah Milton said.

Greeks kick off '98 Piccolo fund-raisers

By Nicole Phipps
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Earlier this month students began the annual fundraising drive for the Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund.

Two popular and successful fund-raiser events last weekend initiated what coordinator senior Taylor Stanfield hopes to be the most successful year yet.

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority jump-started the fund-raiser season with its annual Kickoff Classic and Sigma Nu fraternity held an all-night dance-a-thon in its on-campus tower.

Freshman Erika Gerdes who attended the Sigma Nu party was impressed by the high attendance at the dance and also by the event itself.

"It was great to see so many people out there. It was packed and it was fun, but it was better than just a regular party because you knew you were helping people too," Gerdes said.

Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, a group that had not previously participated in the Piccolo fundraiser, held a concert called Fiesta Del Mundo which brought in \$700 Sept. 12. The Lilting Banshees and Daddy Catfish both performed at the event.

"It is this type of enthusiasm and success which will make this a banner year," Stanfield said.

He said that his goal is to see \$33,000 made this year in comparison to the \$31,500 grossed in 1997-1998.

Stanfield noted a sharp increase in enthusiasm, organization and participation thus far.

"At this point, (the fund-raisers) are an early success with a largely increased participation," Stanfield said. "The Delta Sigs are a perfect example of a group that did nothing last year and this year have already given a lot."

Two perennial favorites among students, Kappa Kaddies and the Tri-Delt Triple Play, will take place Sept. 25 and 26, respectively.

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority was one of the largest fundraisers last year, bringing in \$5,000 with their golf tournament.

The golf tournament will consist of 32 teams, including students, faculty and parents.

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and Chi Omega sorority were also given special

recognition last year for their contributions.

Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity will hold its annual Run With the Deacs 5K race at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 3 on the cross-country course.

For a small fee, anyone can register to run in the race, which will also include the members of the basketball team. Door prizes will be given, as well as first, second, and third place awards in each of six divisions.

The Chi Os will begin Honor Your Scholar Sept. 28. Any organization can nominate a scholar, usually the member from that group with the highest GPA. Anyone can vote for any of the scholars by giving a small donation.

Each time a person votes, he or she is registered in a raffle to win prizes donated from local restaurants and stores. The scholar with the most votes at the end of the week will also win a prize.

Kappa Delta sorority will hold its annual Wall-Sit Oct. 16-18. For this weekend, the KDs will occupy the space on the wall outside of their tower around the clock. They will take donations from anyone who happens to walk by during this time.

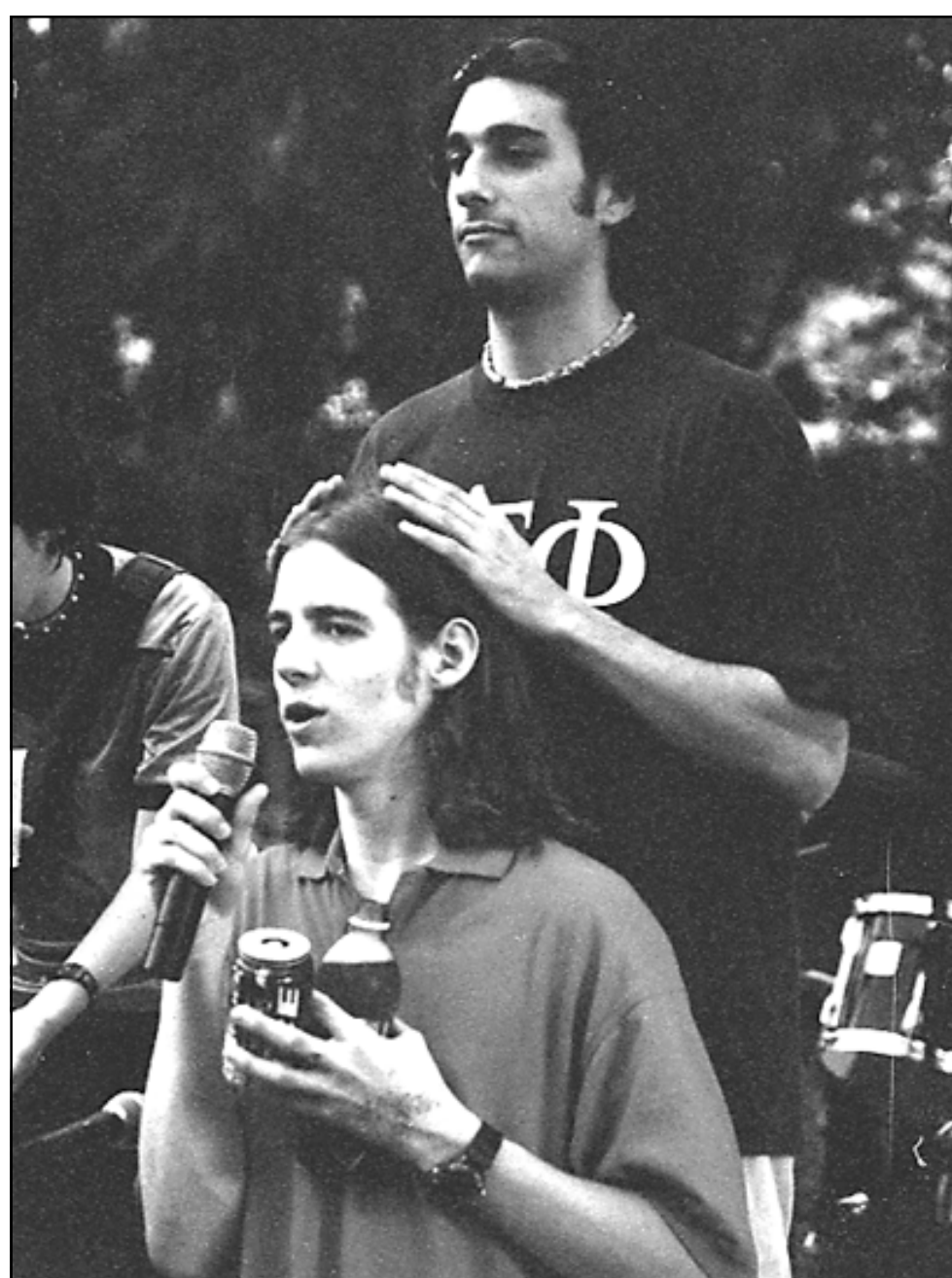
Sigma Chi fraternity is currently holding their annual Derby Days competition between sororities on campus. Derby Days consists of events such as an air band competition, poster contest, dress-a-bag, scavenger hunt and field events.

Each sorority also nominates one of its members for the title of Derby Queen. During lunch hours each day this week, jars with the girls' sororities have been placed in the Benson University Center. Points are given to each girl for dollars and pennies placed in her jar but taken away for all silver coins placed in her jar.

The winner will be announced at the field events to be held Sept. 26 in Reynolda Gardens.

Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity will hold its Rub-a-Dub-a-Thon Oct. 23-24. The Dekes are sponsored by local organizations and restaurants for each hour that their hot tub is occupied. They promise a festive time and encourage all students to come out and support them throughout the night.

Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and the football team will hold Pump Up for Piccolo, a weight-lifting competition that will consist



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Delta Sigma Phi fraternity members Dan Patriarca and William Walker announce at the Fiesta del Mundo Sept. 12. The event raised money for cancer research.

of several teams of PiKAs and football players.

The teams will compete for prizes, and several corporations, including Nike and PowerBar, will sponsor the event.

Alpha Phi Omega fraternity's ultimate frisbee tournament will be held Nov. 7 and will consist of men's and co-ed teams of six people each.

Other events in the future include Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity's Green Eggs and Dam, a breakfast party with pancakes and other foods, Pi Beta Phi sorority's Pancake Phest to be held Oct. 24 and Theta Chi fraternity's Casino Night.

The final check of funds raised will be presented at an ACC basketball game this season.

The fund-raising events are in their 19th

year and have since made upwards of \$360,000.

Twenty-two student organizations sponsor events each year. All money made goes to support of cancer research and treatment through the Comprehensive Cancer Center of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

The fund-raisers' namesake, Brian Piccolo, was an All-American football star and ACC player-of-the-year for the university. Who went on to play professionally for the Chicago Bears. He died of cancer in 1970 at the age of 26.

For more information on the cancer fund drive, call Ext. 5921.

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UConn. may regulate off-campus

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STORRS, Conn. — A task force on community and civility will discuss a revision of the University of Connecticut's code of conduct Sept. 29 that would allow the university to discipline students for off-campus incidents.

"That's a policy topic that could come out of the recommendations of the task force and only after a full discussion with the campus," said Chancellor Mark Emmert. "Nobody's committed themselves one way or another."

The university will discuss changes to the code with code of conduct experts and will review codes from other universities before making any changes, Emmert said. It is still not clear how UConn can draw the enforcement boundaries of the code, he said.

The student life committee of the board of trustees began investigating the possibility of changing the code since disturbances at off-campus parties were damaging the university's reputation.

A new policy would discipline students if they did something illegal off-campus that tarnishes the university's name. The campus was the scene for a late-night riot after the surprise cancellation of the official University Weekend last year by the administration. More than 2,500 students crowded into a parking lot late at night. Intoxicated students overturned and lit a car on fire and threw rocks and bottles at police.

Students who threw rocks at police a few feet off university property could not be disciplined under the current student conduct code. Nonetheless, 81 students have been punished by a disciplining committee consisting of faculty, student leaders and administrators.

Senior Joshua Ruminiski, a student task force member, said the task force will review the code of conduct to determine its importance. "We will be looking at the code of conduct in terms of what is expected of us as a community," he said.

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Sophomore Luke Fedlam echoed Carlson's concerns. "I think the biggest problem right now is getting representation from all students. I don't think all students realize that they have a voice in what goes on here at the university," he said. Fedlam was the elected representative for Luter Residence Hall.

This year in SG, senior Mark Rabuano said he hopes to continue development on other issues. One such issue is allowing the campus stadium to be used as an events venue. "We made a lot of progress with that issue last year, and I'm looking forward to seeing what decisions were made this summer and what we can do to pursue the issue this year," Rabuano said.

"I'm excited about this year," sophomore John Ashworth said. "We have good leadership and it should be a good year." Ashworth wants to work more on the HEC and finish up the changes that were implemented last year. "After all

the work we did on it last year, we want it to run smoothly," he said.

Two freshmen, Jonathan Kelly and Katharine Young, were elected to the HEC.

A total of four students, one from each class, was elected to the Student Budget Advisory Committee. Junior Nathan Kerr hopes to bring the past two years of experience to the board. "The biggest concern of the board is balancing and allocating the right amount of funds to the different groups," Kerr said.

Though some newly elected students were upset by the low voter turnout and general apathy of the students, Eggers thought this was indicative of the races.

"There is not usually a strong incentive to vote in dorms where there are the same number of people running as spots available," Eggers said.

However, there was a higher voter turnout where there was more competition among candidates.

"We are very excited with the enthusiasm of the new legislators," Eggers said. "We have already had people coming by and asking about which issues they can work on. It should be a great year."

Police

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Lawson believes several things account for these increases. "To some extent people are taking more risks," she said.

People picked up on these violations are typically drawing attention to themselves, Lawson said.

They are also sometimes found in a group, which often leads to multiple incidents instead of just one.

Drug violation arrests and incidents both rose by three to eight and 11, respectively.

Lawson said most incidents involve marijuana because patrolling officers or other residents smell it in the halls.

She said the university's increases in alcohol and drug problems are "kind of consistent with the national average" and even a bit below according to surveys taken of the freshman class at orientation.

"Freshmen are coming to our

campus as experienced partiers," Lawson said.

Overall, the University Police reported 599 incidents and 10,584 requests for service as compared to 539 and 8,631 for the year before.

Most of the requests for service fall under the shuttle service, which had almost 2,000 more riders last year.

"I think the more people learn about your department, the more they realize how you can help them," Lawson said. "Therefore, there were more calls for requests."

University Police also handles other things such as unlocking doors and cars.

University Police also recorded six separate incidents of embezzlement.

Lawson said the issue, which involved only one person, was resolved and resulted in the termination of the supposed offender. She said the amount of money was "change."

"There wasn't enough probable cause for an arrest, but there was a lot of suspicion," Lawson said.

University Police's year-end report highlights

	1996-97	1997-98
Apprehensions		
Alcohol Violation	1	1
Burglary	0	1
Other Larceny	1	1
Simple Assault	0	1
Possession of Stolen Property	1	1
Weapons Violation	1	1
Drug Violations	5	8
Driving While Impaired	0	8
Disorderly Conduct	4	5
Indecent Exposure	1	1
Incidents		
Burglary	25	20
Other Larceny	163	205
Simple Assault	15	7
Embezzlement	0	6
Damage to Property	74	59
Weapons Violations	2	2
Drug Violations	8	11
DWI	0	5
Alcohol Violations	9	25
Disorderly Conduct	14	7
Disturbance	8	7
Suspicious Person	0	13
Auto Accidents	59	63

Numbers compiled from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.