

# SEAC organizes cleanup behind local Arby's

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In its first year at the university, the Student Environmental Action Coalition is currently involved in a project concerning the waste disposal practices of an Arby's restaurant located in front of Peter's Creek.

The group's interest in this restaurant comes as a result of another project called the Big Sweep that SEAC participated in Sept 19. This is a national event held every year that focuses on cleaning up the trash in and around the country's streams and waterways.

Local participation in the event was coordinated by an agency called Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful, which sent a group to clean up a portion of Peter's Creek located behind Peter's Creek Parkway at the intersection with Link Road. When SEAC contacted the agency, it referred the group to this location.

During the clean-up process, members of SEAC noticed an unusual amount of garbage that had been generated by the Arby's located directly in front of the area they were cleaning. The group discerned that Arby's was responsible for generating the trash because most of the items thrown in the street had the restaurant's name on them.

After the Big Sweep, a special-interest group within SEAC was organized to confront Arby's about the

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situation. Largely directed by sophomore Brad Roehrenbeck, the committee chairman, SEAC began an effort to address the situation about a week after its first visit to the site.

"During the Big Sweep we found enough trash to form a pile that was about three feet tall and 100 by 50 feet long generated by Arby's alone. The communication between us and them started when sophomore Micah Schwartz called the location manager who admitted that most of the trash in question did at one time belong to the restaurant. He said that what had been going on was that homeless people had been digging

through their trash cans and throwing garbage into the creek," Roehrenbeck said.

The next step that the group took in the matter involved the Arby's committee and senior Bill Scheidt, the coordinator of SEAC's umbrella activities. The students went to the site and filmed what they saw, so that they could illustrate their concerns.

The location manager responded by ordering a fence to surround the garbage area, hoping to eliminate outside access to the waste.

Last week senior Jeff Hines and junior Kate Blatt went back to Arby's to find that the fence had been put up, but very little of the trash on the embankment to Peter's Creek had been removed. However, the shift manager was aware of SEAC's activities, and Scheidt said seemed receptive to ideas. He said he considers this a positive step and hopes that Arby's will cooperate in a more extensive clean-up effort.

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really happy about the idea, and we think that it could be a chance to get some good press both for Arby's and our organization," Scheidt said.

In the event that Arby's is unwilling to cooperate in the initiative, SEAC has several alternate plans of action ready. The group has contacted the Environmental Protection Agency, and local environmental agencies and informed them of the situation.

The organization also plans to get in touch with Arby's corporate headquarters and, if necessary, local media such as the *Winston-Salem Journal*. However, SEAC hopes that the situation can be resolved without having to generate any bad press for the restaurant.

"Right now our primary concern is just to get the trash picked up and hope that the problem won't arise again in the future. If Arby's doesn't want to help us, we plan to contact Waste Management to see if the restaurant has a contract with them. If it turns out that they don't, then it will really look like they were trying to save money by throwing their trash in the creek, which, of course, is illegal. Hopefully, it won't be necessary to take things that far," Scheidt said.

Students interested in getting involved with this project or any of the others in which SEAC is involved, are invited to attend one of the group's meetings that are held at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Tribble A202.

## Students organize vigil to stand against hatred

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A candlelight vigil, Unite in Peace, will be held at 9 p.m. Oct. 29 in Wait Chapel to speak out against hatred and to promote human dignity.

The vigil will feature speakers from the administration, faculty and students and personal testimonies from university members.

The vigil is being organized by a Student Government steering committee, and it is encouraging in-class discussions about hate-propelled conflict.

"Our primary goal is to have Wake Forest stand together as a community, because it's not very often we get the opportunity to do so. We wanted to take a stand against hatred in general, and we thought this was the right time," sophomore Neha Patel said.

Patel said SG is not planning the event as a response to the Westboro Baptist Church specifically, but that the plans of the group opened their eyes to the hatred that exists throughout the world.

"The group showed us that there are real problems that we need to deal with. Sometimes we don't see them though, because living on campus is like living in a bubble," Patel said.

Organizers of the event are also calling for a university-wide show of support and are compiling a list of official sponsors of the vigil program.

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campus involved before we attempted to go searching for support off campus," Patel said.

Several campus groups have already requested that their names be attached to the list of sponsors, including the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, the Baptist Student Union, the Gay-Straight Alliance, Students Housed in Substance-Free Theme, the Asian Student Interest Association and the Alliance for Racial and Cultural Harmony.

Besides these groups that are sponsoring the event, several musical groups will perform, including the Gospel Choir, Agape and God's Workmanship.

Anyone interested in sharing a personal testimony or thought regarding hate may send a complete written statement to junior Nathan Kirkpatrick at Box 8964 or kirkne00@wfu.edu by Oct. 22. Time constraints necessitate that a limited number of statements can be shared during the vigil.



Jane Osilso/Old Gold and Black

### Singin' the night away

Rodie Ray played at Jive 'N' Java night in Shorty's last week. The group's folk music was the first in a series of performances to be held at 9 p.m. Tuesday nights at Shorty's.

## 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.

### Budget committee deadline approaching

Student Budget Advisory Committee hearings will begin Oct. 19. Any organization that has not turned in a progress report or signed up for a hearing needs to do so immediately or contact junior Taylor Campbell, the SBAC chairman, at Ext. 4897.

### Mother-daughter duo to give lecture

Mary Ellen Sheets and Melanie Bergeron, the mother-daughter pair that heads the moving company Two Men and a Truck/International Inc. will deliver the second lecture of the Babcock Leadership Series Oct. 16. The lecture, "Innovation and Management of the Family-Operated Franchise System," will start at 2 p.m. in the room 1312. It is free and open to the public.

### Senior campaign kicks off with party

The Senior Class Campaign will hold a 24-hour kick-off party beginning at 5 p.m. Oct. 16 in Shorty's and ending with Life in General's performance on the Magnolia Quad from 2-5 p.m. Oct. 17.

The events include swing dance lessons, Temporary Reprieve and DJ Ro.

### Student Health offers flu shots for \$8

Student Health Service is currently offering influenza vaccines (flu shots).

The cost is \$8, and the university will cover costs for employees and faculty.

Shots are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and the process will take approximately 30 minutes.

Call Ext. 5218 to arrange an appointment.

### Dijon informational meeting scheduled

An informational meeting will be held for students interested in spending the Fall '99 semester in Dijon, France.

This meeting will be at 4 p.m. Oct. 20 in Tribble A305.

For more information, call Byron Wells, a professor of Romance languages, at Ext. 5489.

### Meeting to present Cuban study program

Linda Howe, an assistant professor of Romance languages and the

director of the 1999 summer program in Cuba, will hold an informational meeting about the Cuba program at 4 p.m. Oct. 21 in Tribble A206.

Richard Sears, the director of International Studies, and students who participated in the program last summer will join her in a question and answer session about the program.

For more information, contact Howe at howels@wfu.edu.

### Workshop will deal with perfectionism

There will be a perfectionism workshop from 7-8 p.m. Oct. 21 in Tribble A105.

This workshop will allow students to discuss the implications of perfectionism and provide strategies on how to deal with being a perfectionist.

For more information, call Ext. 5273.

### Psychology hosts colloquium series

The department of psychology will host the second of its colloquium series lectures Oct. 28 and the third Nov. 11.

Deborah L. Best, a professor of psychology; associate professors of psychology Terry Blumenthal and Dale Dagenbach; William Sloan,

an adjunct professor of psychology; and Julie Wayne will talk on "Ethics in Clinical, Teaching and Research" Oct. 28.

Richard Zweigenhaft, of Guilford College, will speak on "Social Psychology and the Power Elite" as part of the department's Globalization and Diversity Series Nov. 11.

All lectures are at 3:15 p.m. in Winston C.

### Archaeologist to talk on famed ship wreck

The underwater archaeological investigation of Blackbeard's lost flagship will be discussed Oct. 29 in an event sponsored by the Wake Forest University Archaeology Laboratories and the Old Salem Archeology Center.

Steve Claggett, an archaeologist with the N.C. Division of Archives and History, will discuss the exploration of the ship *Queen Anne's Revenge* at 7 p.m. at the Forsyth County main library in downtown Winston-Salem.

The event is free and open to the public.

Claggett's staff is conducting the investigation along with Intersal Inc., a private research firm.

His discussion will focus on the state's effort to explore, document and preserve *Queen Anne's Revenge*.

For more information about the event, call the main library at 727-2152.

### LEAD accepting applications for spring

Leadership, Excellence, Application and Development is taking applications from interested freshman and sophomores.

The program of leadership skills and personal development is offered from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on eight consecutive Wednesday and Thursday afternoons beginning in January.

Applications are available in the Student Development Office, Benson 317. The deadline is Oct. 30.

The LEAD Mentor applications deadline is Oct. 16.

### City of Joy program asking for donations

The City of Joy Scholars Program, which annually sends students to India to work in homes and hospices, needs donations to help cover the \$2,500 per student needed to cover the expenses of its next trip.

Donations may be sent to Paige Wilbanks, Volunteer Services, Box 7351.

### Service corps project open to students

The Volunteer Service Corps is offering a "One-Shots" program designed to allow a student to volunteer for a project without committing to the service corps.

For more information, call senior

Terri Gillispie at the VSC office Ext. 5290.

### Debate JV, novice teams start with wins

The novice and junior varsity debate teams successfully began their season at the University of Richmond.

In the 1998 Spider Classic Tournament at Richmond, freshmen Urmi Engineer and LeeAnn Quartucci reached the final round. The team took second place in JV debate.

In novice debate, the team of sophomore Clint Watson and junior Rafael Guigou reached the semi-finals, and junior Susie Eggers and freshman Andy Yates made the octa-finals.

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