

SBAC allocates \$20,000 to 10 student organizations

By Elizabeth Hoyle
News Editor

Students will soon have more opportunities for campus involvement because of the allocation of the special events fund from the Student Budget Advisory Committee. The committee met Feb. 29 to listen to proposals from chartered campus organizations wanting to host speakers, concerts, forums and clinics.

The special events fund, worth almost \$20,000, was almost completely allocated to 10 groups that requested more money than was originally given to them when Student Government created the budget in the fall.

"The process went well considering it was our first year. There are still a few bumps to smooth out and guidelines to set, but now that we've been through the process, it should be easier in the future," said junior Geoff Greene, the treasurer of SG. The Appropriations and Charter Committee, received \$1,000 to allocate

to other groups that request small amounts of money in the future.

A poetry slam will be hosted by the Asian Student Interest Association, the Black Student Alliance and Women's Initiative for Support and Empowerment with the \$2,750 they were given. One of the newest chartered organizations, the Aviation Club, was allocated \$1,011.50 to sponsor a month-long exhibition and a trip to Lakeland, Fla. for the Fun-n-Sun show, the second largest air show in the world. "We are open to all students, both pilots and non-pilots. We'd like to get students who are even remotely interested in flying to take a lesson, paid for by the club," junior Rob Holland, a member of the Aviation Club, said.

Deacon Days, sponsored by Student Union and other groups, received the largest allotment, \$4,690. "This is the epitome of what we had in mind for the special events fund. This will be an event that interests everyone," Greene said. Deacon Days is a combination of volun-

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teer service plunge activities that culminate in a concert with food and beverages. The Equestrian Club received \$1,180.20 to host a horseback riding clinic. SBAC hopes this money will allow the group to gain enthusiasm and momentum.

Many organizations came together to bring Angela Davis, a tenured professor in the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz, to campus. \$1,000 was allocated to this event. The Race Relations

Committee received \$3,377.04 and will host an essay and photo exhibition on race issues at the university. "We believe this will be an interesting experience and hope it will have an impact on many people here," Greene said.

Students will have the opportunity to pay for cab rides on Deacon Dollars with the Safe Rides program. SBAC allocated \$1,454.16 to the organization to publicize the program. Students can prepay for a certain number of taxi rides for a low fee and take a cab home from a bar or even across campus. "Our goal for this organization is that this will reduce the number of alcohol-related driving accidents. Safe Rides are a healthy option for students," Greene said.

Although it is not a chartered organization, the Student National Medical Association applied for special events funds. It did not receive money, but Greene expects that the organization will receive a charter next year and hopes it will receive funds for a recruitment trip to

California.

Tie That Binds, a volunteer organization travelling to the nation of Georgia to work with children, received \$2,200. The group asked SBAC for a small portion of its budget, so Greene felt they should receive as much as possible. Sophomore Greg Pollock, a member of Tie That Binds, said, "The goal is to raise awareness and help the children themselves."

After the group returns from its trip, it will host a forum with Amnesty International to discuss the experiences they had while volunteering.

WISE received \$1,054 to attend a feminist exposition. Greene thought this was a great opportunity for women to take.

Originally, SBAC had planned to hold two special events funds hearings, but the response was more than the members had anticipated. "We did not find it appropriate to withhold money that groups may or may not request in the future from groups who have a need and desire to use it now," Greene said.

Residence queen

Senior Katrina Watson was named the North Carolina Association of Residence Hall Student of the Year at an NCARH conference held at Western Carolina University Feb. 11-13. Watson is the president of National Residence Hall Honorary on campus, in addition to holding a state-wide position.



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Two councils feature students

By Blake Smith
Contributing Reporter

A number of students, some of whom recounted volunteer work in India and discussed the rewards of guiding less privileged high school students to college careers, highlighted the 2000 Winter Conferences of the Alumni Council and the Parents' Council held Feb. 18-19 and 25-26, respectively.

The two councils met to hear reports on the general affairs of the university from the administration and Student Government, to enjoy some of the academic and athletic events around campus and to discuss the state of the College Fund, which involves raising money outside of tuition.

According to Betsy Chapman, the event's organizer and liaison between the councils and the university, the administration came away "most impressed" with the students whose presentations and accomplishments were "superlative."

"I got great response from the parents," Junior Cameron Cole, a member of Exceeding Expectations for a College Education through Leadership, said. "It's helpful to EXCEL because it might have useful connections we can use down the road." EXCEL is a campus volunteer group that

visits Carver High School in Winston-Salem and helps direct low-income students to college careers by finding potential scholarships and helping them on entrance essays, among other things.

Senior Greg Frey spoke about his experience in Calcutta, India, where he volunteered with the City of Joy organization. The organization, consisting of 11 students and one professor, conducts missionary work with children and adults. Frey said his audience "seemed very interested" and that his group's presentation "broke up the monotony. (Council members) spoke with us afterwards and said they really enjoyed it."

"In a way, you're telling them what they want to hear, but the pictures and stories do have an effect," sophomore Parker Snyder, also a participant with City of Joy, said. "Parents had tears in their eyes. (We can) broaden them to the meaning of service to other people."

According to freshman Raeneeva Banks, the two councils were "excited about the upcoming presidential debate." Banks, a member of the Student Technology Advisors, spoke along with freshman Derrick Thompson about the "huge role" technology will play in the debate and also talked about the implications of tech-

nology in the classroom now that all students have ThinkPads.

Banks said that the councils were "interested in how receptive the faculty has been to the new technology" and were glad that there is a group like Student Technology Advisors to aid the integration and development of this technology.

University President Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., spoke to the Alumni Council about administrative affairs while Ed Wilson, the senior vice president, handled those duties during the Parents' Council. According to Chapman, both were well received. The Alumni Council consists of approximately 60 former students who, according to Chapman, "love the school and want to stay involved."

Council members, who serve a three-year term, provide input on campus academic and social initiatives from alumni points-of-view and work with donations and fundraising.

The Parents' Council consists of what Chapman describes as approximately 80 couples whose sons and daughters are current undergraduate students. The council not only works with fundraising but also acts as a liaison between the school and other parents who have concerns to express.

'La Tertulia' spreads Hispanic culture, views to students

By Ross Inman
Contributing Reporter

Students and teachers alike packed into East Hall Feb. 24 to receive a lesson on Spanish and Latin American culture at "La Tertulia," an event gaining popularity due to the many views on Spanish and Hispanic life it has to offer.

The bi-weekly event sponsored by the Romance languages department lets students who have studied abroad in Spanish-speaking countries share their experiences with others using food, slides and personal anecdotes. This week, juniors Margaret Howard and Anneliza Lindenfeld, senior David Barkley and Christopher Putnam, '99, spoke about their time in Santiago, Chile; Madrid, Spain; Bogota, Colombia; and

Burgos, Spain, respectively.

"Most of the students that have been in the study abroad program volunteer to give some oral presentations about this experience," Jesus Pico-Argel, an instructor of Romance languages, said. "They, in fact, try to 'paint' this experience inside the class at Wake Forest for the students that have not traveled to those places."

Students have responded by flocking to "La Tertulia" in greater numbers. Pico-Argel, who organizes several activities in order to promote Spanish among students taking the language, feels that crowds are swelling because of increased interest and publicity.

"The event is growing because of the various entertaining activities that we carry out each time," Pico-Argel said. "Another fact is because of the great publicity of

this event that the Spanish professors do in each class, they motivate the students to attend 'La Tertulia' not for the extra curricular requirement, but for the experience to practice, hear and interact with the target language."

Attendees have enjoyed the many cultural angles that this event has to offer. Some have been persuaded to consider applying to study abroad programs.

"The pictures and slides looked very interesting. I would consider going abroad, it looks like fun," freshman Christopher Vogel said after attending the event for the first time.

Although students are more receptive to the overseas experience after attending "La Tertulia," Pico-Argel said that the point of the event is primarily to spread knowledge about other cultures.

"This does not urge the students to go to a Spanish-speaking country; it rather shows them the perspective of the Hispanic world as some means to enhance their general knowledge," Pico-Argel said. "The event, of course, motivates them to try to put into practice the knowledge they acquire at Wake Forest in a real life environment such as a Spanish speaking country. In fact, Wake Forest has some exchange programs with some universities in Spain, Ecuador and Mexico."

"La Tertulia" has resulted in enhanced interest to learn about what lies beyond this country's borders. "I think that kids go because they can expand their knowledge in the Spanish culture. Besides, the cookies and drinks are good," freshman John Vernon said.



Several students shared their experiences studying abroad in Spanish-speaking countries Feb. 24 at "La Tertulia." The event's main purpose is to spread knowledge of other cultures.

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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.

Scholarship available for independent study

The Richter Scholarship Program is making scholarships worth up to \$5,000 available to students who are interested in conducting an independent study project that will require travel outside of Winston-Salem or internationally.

Applicants must have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average, and they are expected to submit a project proposal.

Students in the college, the Wayne Calloway School of Business and Accountancy and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences on the Reynolda Campus are eligible for the scholarships.

Interested undergraduates are asked to contact Toby Hale, an associate dean of the college, at Ext. 5311, and graduate students are asked to contact Cecilia Solano, an associate dean of the graduate school, at Ext. 5301. Applications are

due by March 15.

Classical languages offers Royall scholarship

The department of classical languages is accepting applications for the William Royall Scholarship.

The scholarship awards \$500 for students in classical studies, with preference given to students planning to travel to classical sites.

Applications are due March 10 and are available in Tribble B6.

Juniors eligible for Thomas K. Hearn Jr. scholarship

Applications for the Thomas K. Hearn Jr. Scholarships for Excellence in Leadership and Service are now available in

the Office of Volunteer Services, the Provost's Office and by the Information Desk in Benson University Center.

Any rising seniors who have demonstrated leadership and service to the university and who have accumulated at least a 2.75 grade point average are eligible to apply.

The deadline for submitting applications is 5 p.m. March 16.

Applications should be submitted to the Provost's Office, Reynolda 204 or sent through campus mail to Box 7688.

'Philomathesian' seeks nonfiction submissions

The *Philomathesian* is looking for nonfiction pieces by students or faculty for their spring 2000 issue.

Submissions may be sent to P.O. Box 28326 or e-mailed to austse00@wfu.edu by March 17.

Scholarship focuses on international learning

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship applications are now available. The scholarship is intended to improve international understanding and foster positive relations among people of different countries.

Applicants may call Susan Faust, an assistant to the senior vice president, at Ext. 5891 to schedule an appointment. Applications are due March 30.

Applications available to serve as President's Aide

Students interested in applying for a position as a President's Aide for next year may pick up applications from the Benson Information Desk or the President's Office, 211 Reynolda Hall, starting March 13. They should be returned by March 22. Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors with a grade point average of 2.5 or better are eligible.

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