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HEC to determine ballot for runoff election

By Will Wingfield
News Editor

As a result of campaign violations, the Student Government Elections Committee disqualified junior presidential candidate Charles Goodman, who received the highest popular vote in the elections held April 11. After an appeal from Goodman, the committee referred the case to the Honor and Ethics Council.

As the SG Elections Committee tabulated the results of the executive elections, the committee was made aware of

a campaign violation committed by Goodman's campaign for SG President. A member of Goodman's staff sent a mass e-mail to 257 recipients early the morning April 9, which included Charles' platform and listed contact information.

Goodman

According to the Elections Committee, Goodman's cam-

paigned was in violation of rule one of "Campaign Violations," which states: "The use of e-mail for any campaign purpose is strictly prohibited, the only exception being contacting members of your campaign staff and could result in sanctions or disqualification."

The infraction was applied against Goodman's candidacy under "General Rules," rule two: "Each candidate is responsible for all aspects of his/her campaign. This means that the candidate bears the ultimate responsibility for both his/her actions and the actions of cam-

paigned staff members working on behalf of his/her campaign."

Goodman appealed the ruling of the committee, citing the 24-hour statute of limitation in the candidates packet, which states: "Infractions may be reported to the Elections Committee by any member of the Wake Forest community. The person who witnesses the infraction must report it to the Elections Committee within 24 hours of witnessing the incident."

After four hours of deliberation, the committee came to an impasse as to

whether the 24-hour statute of limitation made the violation still applicable. Originally, a university student received the e-mail on April 9, but then did not alert an SG Elections Committee member until noon April 11, more than 24 hours after the recipient had read the e-mail. The SG committee member alerted senior Khalid Jones, SG president and chairman of the Elections Committee, about the e-mail in question later at 10 p.m. that evening.

The Elections Committee rules state
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SU, Greeks come together for Deacon Days

By Elizabeth Turnbull
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to bring together different student organizations, Student Union, the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council have combined their annual Springfest and Greek Week to form the joint Deacon Days.

Festivities kicked off April 10 with the Quad 500, a Greek relay race. The Greeks showed up loud and excited in their jerseys while the staff wore their SU shirts, reinforcing the joint effort. SU was more than welcome; according to sophomore Lindsey Randolph, who helped organize the event. "We needed some help."

The Quad 500 involved a combination of three races. Students started out taking a half lap in toy plastic race cars. They then passed the baton to their teammates waiting with grocery carts. They took a lap in the carts, switching partners halfway through, before passing the baton to the awaiting rollerbladers.

Sigma Pi fraternity and Delta Delta Delta sorority had the fastest times for fraternity and sorority.

"I think (the event) went really well. We had a great turnout and nice weather," Randolph said.

Although the Quad 500 was a general success, there were a few serious falls due to cracks in the Quad pavement by the post office. Two grocery carts took a spill and rollerblader freshman Todd Peebler lost a tooth when he fell. Organizers then took precautions by directing the participants away from the crack.

Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity participated in the Greek Week events for the first time in several years.

"We just wanted to get involved this year, to support goodwill among fraternities," junior Adrian McDaniel said.

In addition to kickball on April 11, the other big event of the week was the April 12 Greek Sing, an event where the sorority/fraternity teams sing and dance to songs of



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A team member from Sigma Pi fraternity edges out a racer from Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity during the Quad 500, an opening event for Deacon Days, which concludes April 14. Other events for Greek Week included Greek Sing and kickball.

their choice. Several teams chose to modify the lyrics, adapting them to campus life, while some chose to keep the lyrics and dance to their favorite songs.

Some of the "new" songs included Kappa Delta sorority's "Student in a Bubble," the Tri Delt's "Ticket Me Baby One More Time" and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority's "You and Me Baby Ain't Nothin' But Greek."

Judging criteria was divided among originality and creativity (40 percent), performance and execution (40 percent) and

visual appearance (20 percent). First place was worth 150 points, second place 125 and third place 100. The point intervals decreased by 25 points for each place, ending with 20 points for seventh place.

"(Greek Sing) was so much fun. It was a great time and everyone had a lot of fun doing it. You could tell that all of the groups put a lot of work in and had a really great time," sophomore Jeanne Lynch, the Greek Week chairwoman for Phi Mu sorority, said.

In addition to Greek Sing, April 12 also

had "Take a Faculty Member to Lunch," with each team receiving either 75 points for taking eight faculty members to lunch in the Magnolia Room or 35 points for taking four members.

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council paid for the faculty members, and students were responsible for their own meals.

"I think there wasn't as high of a participation as there could have possibly been,

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Students host Earth Day

By Sabrina Parker
Contributing Reporter

Students enjoyed beer, food, poetry and environmental speeches as they celebrated Earth Day on the Magnolia Quad with the Student Environmental Action Coalition and the campus chapter of Amnesty International April 7. The celebration followed a campus-wide trash pickup from 3 - 5 p.m. and continued until 8 p.m.

A naked student wearing only two "Wake Forest Earth Day 2000" posters handed out fliers advertising the event around lunchtime outside of Benson and Tribble Hall the day of the event. SEAC and Amnesty International went to the limits to promote their celebration, where the aim was to "promote campus-wide awareness of how the environment



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Ken Zick, the vice president of student life and instructional resources, pitches in to clean up.

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Electrical fire causes evacuation of Benson

By Heather Seely
Senior Reporter

A small electrical fire started in Benson University Center around 10:30 p.m. April 9, leading to the evacuation of Benson but no major damage.

According to Gale Newport, the operations manager of Benson, the fire was contained to the electrical closet across from the third-floor information desk. An overheated rubber belt started the fire.

A smoke detector in the closet set off the fire alarm throughout the building. As is standard procedure, the building was evacuated and University Police contacted the fire department.

"The first officer on the scene observed thick black smoke coming from an electrical room and found smoke

"It appeared that the equipment had generated heat, resulting in a meltdown of the equipment inside the cabinet."

Regina Lawson
University Police Chief

coming from a power supply cabinet," Regina Lawson, the University Police Chief, said. "Although there was thick, heavy smoke, there were no flames visible. It appeared that the equipment had generated heat, resulting in a meltdown of the equipment inside the cabinet."

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Reading honors victims

By Jay Cridlin
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Students, administrators and faculty members alike stood before a podium on the steps of Wait Chapel in order to participate in a 24-hour name reading of victims of the Holocaust April 12.

As a way to commemorate the Holocaust, thousands of names - including those of Jewish children and adults, political prisoners, homosexuals, gypsies and others - were read throughout the night, beginning at 5 p.m. April 12. The program, which was sponsored by a number of groups, including the Jewish Student Organization, the chaplain's office and the North Carolina Triad Hillel, is scheduled to conclude at 5 p.m. today.

"This is a very symbolic event. It allows people to remember the tragedy and the horrific nature of the Holocaust, to remember those who perished," said Ken Zick, the vice president for student life and instructional resources. "Many of us have had the experience of talking to survivors. Those stories witness an incredible suffering that is unimaginable to our minds in modern culture. It is important that this witnessing continue."

The program began quietly, as Chaplain Ed Christman began softly reciting names at 5 p.m. with only a few students and administrators present. However, freshman John Adams, who signed up to read names, said that the support that will be shown throughout the entire 24-hour period is more indicative of the impact that the name reading has had on students.

"Whenever you get people to sign up in the middle of the night, it shows how dedicated people are, that they want to do something and that they want to help," Adams said.

Mike Zarkin, director for the North Carolina Triad Hillel, was similarly pleased with the enthusiasm and dedication that students have shown thus far. "I'm absolutely thrilled," he said. "This is an important program for anyone both as a way of commemorating one of the most ugly events in recent human history, and even more importantly as a way to heal this community."

The name reading was held in part to move forward from the

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