

ADA task force instituted

By Andrew Tillman
Contributing Reporter

In order to improve the university's compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Ken Zick, the vice president of student life and instructional resources, and John Anderson, the vice president of finance and administration, initiated the Americans with Disabilities Task Force in May of 2001.

The ADA protects people with disabilities from exclusion and discrimination in the public activities or programs in which they are qualified to participate. It also calls for specific guidelines when constructing or altering buildings such as accessible entrances, parking spaces and restroom facilities so that people with physical disabilities have easy access available.

The task force, which is comprised of representatives from the faculty, medical school, facilities management and student body, is focusing its efforts on making campus life easier for physically disabled employees, students and visitors by examining the physical aspects of the university and seeing what construction developments can be done in order to better comply with ADA guidelines.

"The initial goal is to do an assessment of the facilities of the Reynolda Campus and this is near completion. A private architectural firm that specializes

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in ADA architectural compliance is helping with this," said Van Westervelt, the co-chairman of the task force and the director of the Learning Assistance Center.

The task force will use this survey as the basis for the development of a five-year plan that will address three key issues.

"First, it is necessary to have an accessible entrance into buildings, including parking, side-walks and pathways," Westervelt said. "Second, once they are in the buildings, they must be able to gain access to any programs or services offered in the building. The third priority is modifying a restroom in each building so that it will be accessible on the first floor."

According to Connie Carson, the co-chair of the task force and the director of Residence Life and Housing, educating the campus about people with physical disabilities is also a goal of the task force.

"The task force is trying to educate students, faculty and staff about the ADA in general so

they can be more sensitive and responsive to a range of problems and so they can be more helpful to those with such things as visual and hearing impairments," Westervelt said.

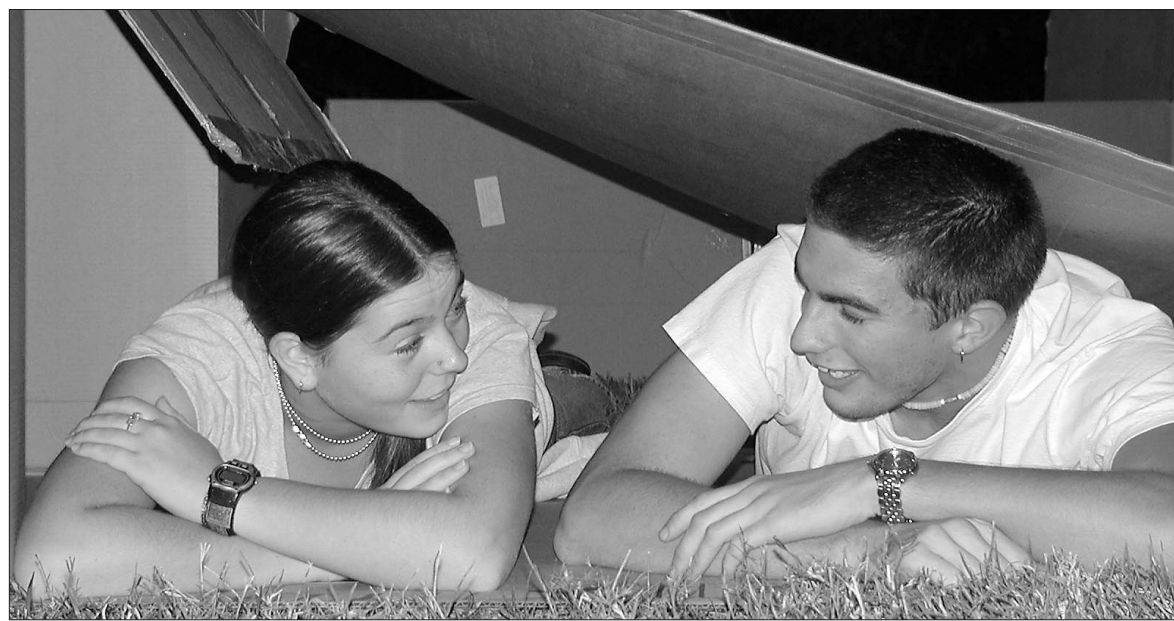
"The professors have been wonderful and willing to work with me by providing such things as closed captioning," said senior Hillary Heard, who is a member of the task force and who has a hearing impairment. "The Learning Assistance Center has also provided note takers."

All of these present and future developments are building upon such past developments as the construction of ramps and curb cuts. The task force accomplished these developments by examining past students with mobility problems and "looking at the patterns they took from their dorms to classes and other activities," Westervelt said.

According to Westervelt, a fair amount of work still needs to be done, but it cannot be determined for sure until the survey is completed.

Heard said, "There is always improvement to be made by making the campus accessible to all disabilities even if they are not visible."

The task force, however, does feel positive about where they are headed. "Compared to other universities, the administration is very cooperative and ready to hear the results (of the survey)," Westervelt said.



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Thinking outside the box

Sophomore Liz Celeste and junior Ben Steere chat under the shelter of their new home for the evening: a cardboard box. Students participating in the second annual Shanty Town, a fundraiser for Habitat For Humanity, slept on the Magnolia Quad Oct. 10 in cardboard boxes.

SU brings FBI terrorist expert to Wait Chapel for discussion

By Erin Moran
Contributing Reporter

Danny Coulson, the founder and former director of the FBI's Anti-Terrorist Task Force, spoke in Wait Chapel Oct. 8 about anti-terrorist movements and domestic and international terrorism. The lecture discussed past terrorist attacks on the United States and detailed possible results of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

Junior Ashley Larson, an SU lecture chairwoman, said that the Student Union "wanted to bring Coulson in order to give students the opportunity to understand the role that terrorism and tragedy has played in our past - and to learn how to mold ourselves to proactively shape our future."

"As a student, nestled safely within the walls of Wake Forest, it can be difficult to come to terms with the reality of tragedy," Larson said. "However, from the events of Sept. 11, Student Union feels that there is a great deal to be learned."

Coulson said federal authorities had a "good inkling" that the Sept. 11 attacks would take place. FBI officials had "considered the scenario for decades," he said. However, Coulson emphasized that limits on using human intelligence as well as restrictions on responding to available information stood in the way of detecting and preventing the attacks.

According to Coulson, the combination of poor database systems and an influx of illegal immigrants impairs the FBI's ability to stop and prevent terrorist crimes.

"That's where we lost it," Coulson said. He explained that unless the FBI has reasonable proof that a crime is about to be committed, they cannot undergo any type of investigation. "The FBI is great at catching them," Coulson said. "Where we fall down is in the ability to prevent."

He emphasized that the war on terrorism does not represent a war against Islam. According to Coulson, Osama bin Laden's driving force for organizing these crimes is the pursuit of power rather than the obligation to religion.

"I don't think religion means anything to him."

Coulson said. "The purpose of attack was to gain more power."

The purpose of the World Trade Center mission, he said, was also to get the country, as well as the government, to overreact. Coulson believes that the intentions of bin Laden were to create such an outrageous and horrific explosion that there would be an over-response by Americans - which generates fear.

"Fear can deny you of your constitutional rights just like a government can oppress you," Coulson said.

Sophomore Mike Gorman attended the lecture. "I found it interesting when he talked about what the terrorists hoped to accomplish, how they wanted us to attack them, to respond with violence because that would validate their cause," Gorman said.

Coulson stressed that the victims of the WTC attack had their rights taken by criminals and not by a government. He said it is crucial to understand that our nation's military forces are not targeting Islam, but rather they are targeting a group of terrorists.

Coulson detailed what he thinks is a possible solution to problems in Afghanistan. Coulson said, "we need a Marshall Plan for Afghanistan. Americans must prove that we are not the enemy to target. We are, in fact, humanitarians."

Coulson said that there are significant threats of future attacks on American soil. He said terrorist groups will look to attack symbols of a strongly united American nation, such as the WTC and the Pentagon.

Coulson predicts that these groups will not attack with bioterrorism. It is too difficult to disperse and it has not been successful in the past.

"There's no need to go out and buy a gas mask, unless you look better in one," he said.

Coulson urged American support in the attacks against the nation.

"You have to live," he said, adding that the enemy has "won if we shut down."

Coulson spent 31 years with the FBI. The native Texan worked on the Oklahoma City bombing investigation, the Atlanta prison riots, and the confrontation with Branch Dividians in Waco, Texas.



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Cuba libre

Junior Erin Collins shares her experience in Cuba with those attending a reception, featuring photos and momentos from the trip, Oct. 10 in Greene Hall. Students interested in the upcoming trip may contact Linda Howe, an associate professor of Romance languages, at howels@wfu.edu.

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.

Red Cross seeking donations, blood

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 15 from 2 - 6:30 p.m. in Benson 401.

Students wishing to give blood that have not already done so in the past 56 days can call Ext. 5290 or e-mail Vicki Gillen at gillvk1@wfu.edu to make an appointment.

The Red Cross is also accepting cash donations, which may be brought to Sally Sue Brown in Volunteer Services in Benson 301.

Official Red Cross collection cups will be available for student use in Benson 345, 321 and 317.

Golf teams hosting benefit tournament

The men's and women's golf teams and Salem Glen Country Club are holding a golf tournament beginning at 11 a.m. Nov. 3 at Salem Glen Country Club to benefit the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

A tax-deductible donation of \$300 per golfer, or \$900 per team will be given to the American Red

Cross. For more information or registration materials, call the golf office at Ext. 6000.

Subway restaurants holding food drive

In response to an ongoing need for food in North Carolina, Subway restaurants in the Triad area will be collecting food to help the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina from Oct. 8 to Nov. 18. Subway is asking local residents to drop off non-perishable foods at any Subway location in the Triad area, and is offering discount coupons to those who donate.

Journey of Hope set to speak on campus

Journey of Hope, a group of people who have all lost a loved one to violence but are opposed to the death penalty, is scheduled to speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 16 in the Lower Auditorium of Wingate Hall.

The group is sponsored by the People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, and is touring North Carolina throughout the month.

For more information contact Richard Groves, the pastor at Wake Forest Baptist Church, or e-mail info@pfadp.org.

Truman scholarship available to juniors

The Truman Scholarship is awarded to juniors who have an outstanding record in service and academics and who are planning a career in public service.

The scholarship provides monies for the senior year and for graduate school. Contact Katy Harriger, a professor of political science, at Ext. 5450 or e-mail harriger@wfu.edu.

Psych department hosting placebo forum

The psychology department will host a colloquium at 4 p.m. Oct. 16 in Greene 162, titled "Psychological and Physiological Mechanisms Underlying the Placebo Effect" by professor Magne Arve Flaten from the University of Tromso, Norway.

For more information, contact Terry Blumenthal at blumen@wfu.edu.

History and film series continues in Scales

The history department will screen *Elizabeth*, the 1998 movie dealing with the turbulent early years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 in Scales 102 and will be followed by a discussion. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Information session for Dijon program set

The first informational meeting for the Fall 2002 Dijon, France study-abroad program will take place at 4 p.m. Oct. 16 in Greene 320. For more information, contact Stephen Murphy at murphy@wfu.edu.

EZ Ride recruiting for executive board

The current board of EZ Ride cab service is seeking out students interested in working with the organization on its executive

board, including a business manager, marketing directors, and financial liaisons. Contact Heidi Tobaben at tobahe02@wfu.edu for more information.

Dada artist to perform 'Oral Acrobatics'

Bernd Seydel, a German dada performance artist and founder of "Mundwerksadt" will participate in an informational session and discussion about Dada 4 p.m. Oct. 11 in the Ring Theater in Scales, and at 5 p.m. Oct. 12, he will present "Oral Acrobatics."

This event is sponsored by the German and theater departments, and the dean's office. All presentations will be in the Ring Theater in Scales, and admission is free.

LEAD now accepting applications for spring

LEAD (Leadership, Excellence, Application, and Development) is now taking applications for interested freshmen and sophomores. This experiential learning program of leadership skills and personal development is offered for eight consecutive Wednesdays or Thursday afternoons beginning in February 2002.

Information and applications are available in the Office of Student Development in Benson 317 and are due Oct. 30.

Conference scheduled on religious liberty

Several faculty members will present their views on issues raised by the controversial separation of church and state in the United States at a conference titled "Church and State in America: Issues of Freedom, Politics and Religion in a New Century."

The event sponsored by the Divinity School's Vocational Development office will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in Benson 410. The conference costs \$50, which includes breakfast and lunch. The registration deadline is Oct. 11.

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