

# OPINION

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## Whether old or new, traditions must stay

In the wake of two telling surveys of student life, a great effort has been made by students and administration alike to improve the sense of community on campus. A number of proposals have been offered and steps have been taken to begin new traditions and improve relationships between various groups on campus. Now, with ARAMARK managers' decision to rid the Quad Sundry shop of its many popular decorations, one current mainstay of the campus community is in jeopardy. While this may seem insignificant, often it is the little things that truly make the college experience, and for many students, stepping into the Sundry shop was one small way of participating in university life. Not only could one check out the new decorations that Terri Atkinson, the well-known Sundry employee, had put up for the given season, but he or she could even take a short step back in time. The dozens of pictures from Halloween and Pledge Nights of years past that covered one wall had become a fun, informal record of recent history.

The explanation offered by ARAMARK is that the shop was too

cluttered to leave the decorations in place. This is indeed true; simply not enough floor space exists. But the removal of a collection of photographs on the wall or the occasional skeleton at Halloween or Santa at Christmas does next to nothing to solve the problem. Instead, the reorganization of Sundry over the past summer narrowed the aisles in the store to the point where navigating through them has become an adventure. Perhaps this is the area where changes really need to be made.

Bigger issues are also at stake. All too often, a rift exists between students and staff on campus, but Sundry provided an exception to this rule by giving everyone a chance to interact and celebrate the highlights of the semester together. Limiting the expression and personality of employees leaves them with few means by which to interact with the students, and a valuable and all too scarce sense of community is sacrificed.

As we work on cultivating new activities for future generations of students to enjoy, let's be careful not to lose sight of the valuable aspects of campus community that we already have in place.

## Wake sports boast great ratings, easy accessibility

For the first time in university history, the men's soccer team has reached the No. 1 ranking in the country. As one of only two NCAA Division 1 schools in the nation to boast an undefeated men's soccer program this season, the university has a lot to celebrate.

And students could not be more fortunate. With one of the most impressive soccer facilities in the conference only a short walk from the center of campus, free admission to games and some of the best teams in the nation on hand to challenge the Deacs, one could hardly ask for a more exciting athletic environment.

The soccer team is not the only cause for celebration, however. Other fall sports teams have been tearing through the competition, and the athletic program as a whole recently received a tremendous boost when *Sports Illustrated* ranked it No. 39 nationally. Place that number alongside the university's No. 25 spot in the *U.S. News & World Reports* rankings of top national universities, and we find ourselves to be quite fortunate to attend a school that balances recreation

and academics.

As the second smallest school in the nation to compete in Division I in all its sports, students are provided with the unique opportunity to truly become involved in any and all of the university's sports programs. Not every school provides students free admission to all sporting events as does ours. Moreover, students do not even need to pick up tickets for any sport except basketball, making attendance a breeze.

Only with broad student support can athletics reach their true potential. This holds true not only for the popular football and basketball teams, but for the less visible sports as well. The recent revival of Midnight Madness has reminded us how valuable student participation can be for a team, but we must allow such enthusiasm to carry over into all of the athletic programs.

College students are always looking for some type of free entertainment. What better way to relax and have some fun than to spend an afternoon or evening cheering on some of the best athletic teams in the nation?

# Clinton legacy more than Monica

Clinton's administration is responsible for the terror the U.S. faces now.

Believe it or not, Bill Clinton's legacy is more than just Monica Lewinsky, Vincent Foster and various other disgraceful scandals. Yes, proud Clintonites, we are continually realizing that America's

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beloved ex-president can be credited with numerous botched efforts at appeasement that have not only cost innocent American lives, but have left America's national security at risk more so than ever. Amazingly enough, this Rhodes Scholar was never able to comprehend the apparently perplexing reality that doing what our enemies want us to do does not work.

Aside from the economic recession we are now suffering, arguably due to Clinton's domestic policies, let's take a quick look at Clinton's most recent foreign policy failures that the Bush administration must correct:

First, it was Sept. 11. No, ladies and gentlemen, this tragedy was not a result of intelligence failures within the present administration but instead, was a result of Clinton's failure to deal with Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda terrorist network, despite numerous attacks on Americans during his terms in office.

After the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, which killed six and injured 1,000, President Clinton vowed to find those responsible and bring them to justice. Then again, after the 1995 bombing in Saudi Arabia that killed five U.S. military personnel, Clinton reiterated that same promise.

Yes, and once again in 1996 when the Khobar Towers were bombed killing 19 U.S. military personnel and injuring 200, Clinton came before the American public and promised he would bring the responsible party to justice.

But in 1998, bin Laden successfully coordinated the bombing of the U.S. embassies in Africa, tragically killing 224 and injuring another 5,000.

Clinton passed up three opportunities to have bin Laden handed over to U.S. authorities by foreign governments. His careless efforts to apprehend bin Laden have now led to the deaths of almost 3000 innocent Americans, so please tell me why the Clinton administration spent more money chasing down Bill Gates than Osama bin Laden. Second, it was reported in January of this year that Clinton's countless trips to China and efforts at appeasing the red state were surprisingly unsuccessful.

Following these terrorist acts, Clinton, once more, vowed to hunt down and punish those who were responsible, a promise that would once again prove to be hollow.

In 2000, the bombing of the USS Cole resulted in the death of 17 American sailors and wounded 39, followed again by the same promise and the same failure to follow through. Nothing was done in response to any of these attacks besides maybe a few bombs that were dropped here and there, one of which was coincidentally enough dropped on an Afghanistan aspirin factory while Monica Lewinsky appeared before the Grand Jury.

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Following a political trip to China during his second term, Clinton assured us that the communist country did not have any nuclear weapons pointed at the United States, nor would they in the future. It appears as though he failed to consider the option that China was lying and could have hid, temporarily disarmed or re-

aimed the missiles while he met with Chinese leaders.

The truth of the matter can be found in the most recent CIA report, which states that as many as 100 Chinese nuclear missiles could be aimed at the continental United States by the year 2015.

With Halloween just around the corner, the horror of the Bill Clinton legacy, unfortunately, does not stop with China. Last week, the Bush administration caught North Korea in violation of Clinton's 1994 Agreed Framework. In 1993, U.S. intelligence discovered North Korea was developing nuclear weapons, and in response, Clinton appeased the communist country by asking them to promise to destroy any nuclear weapons program. In return, the United States helped build, not one, but two nuclear reactors for North Korea.

And just to make sure there were no hard feelings, by 2000, Clinton was giving North Korea more aid than any other country in East Asia. Yet, to our utter shock, just as every other communist regime in history is known to lie, North Korea lied to Clinton and now, when confronted by the Bush administration, admits maintaining its nuclear weapons program.

So, thank you President Clinton; we can now add North Korea to the list of countries that developed nuclear capabilities between 1993 and 2001 under your leadership. It is quite a distinguished list, including India and Pakistan, who threaten nuclear destruction almost every day.

Ladies and gentlemen, go back to Clinton's 1992 campaign. In the records you will find him being openly disdainful of foreign policy, an attitude that has led to the frightening predicaments and war our country must face today.

During his presidency, liberals scorned that Clinton's legacy would unjustly be marred by blue dresses and an impeachment that "should have never happened." It is with regret that we must realize his legacy is far more devastating than that. Clinton's legacy is one that has put America at far greater risk to foreign threats than before he took office. We should thank our lucky stars we finally have an administration in office that is finally willing to rid the world of the evil Clinton ignored.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Sororities foster feminist growth and maturity

How do the fundamentals of a sorority oppose feminism? How does the correct manifestation of these principles combat the advancement of women? A sorority exists to bring women together for friendship, spiritual support, social outlets and more. Sororities can help women learn from each other and enlarge their worldviews.

It's time Wake Forest comes to terms with the truth that many of its students are quite "messed up." The obsessions with physical beauty, binge drinking and excessive superficial relationships are tremendous blemishes on this campus' polished image - and they exist with Greek and independent students.

Like other schools, sorority recruitment and membership can turn into great examples of human pettiness. Because a few groups within each sorority fixate on competition, thinness, and gossip, should we condemn sororities? No. Why? There is real beauty to come from sisterhood.

Each woman and man (you're in this, too) has a picture of feminism. Miss Billings, yours and others' do not allow for Greek sisterhood - to each her own, of course. You will find strong feminists who oppose Greek life and strong feminists in the midst of it: the president of my group made her positions clear on bid day denouncing a clearly androcentric hazing statement the university required her to read.

My main suggestion for all those who are quick to generalize about and judge sororities as being anti-feminist: don't speak about that which you have not experienced. You'll

find spite, distorted motivations, and "backward" values among sorority women. You'll find it in the rest of the world as well. But you'll also find brilliant women who stand up for themselves, other women and men with no apology.

I also suggest that you ask around about some of the contributions sororities have made to your campus. Ask some professors, ask Officer Slater, ask Dr. Zick. You might be surprised. Give yourself time, get a real picture of Greek life and feminism in young adulthood - perhaps you'll be amazed as much as horrified. See it our way, just for a second.

I am proud and honored to claim membership in my sorority at Wake Forest. It was the best investment of time and energy I made. It showed me what feminism really could be.

I welcome any personal communication or feedback.

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## High tuition should supply more biscuit for your buck

I'm a student at Wake Forest. I spend \$34,750 a year to come here. Read that number again, but don't think about that for more than three seconds or your head will explode; \$34,750. For that kind of money, I can get 17,375 diced hashbrowns from Waffle House. For that kind of money, I can get 25,120 pancakes from IHOP. Or, if I'm feeling really wild, 8,933 Grand Slam Breakfasts from Pannery's. But you know what, I can't get one english muffin on the Wake Forest campus. Oh, I can find plenty of bricks on the newly remodeled quad,

but a "bacon, egg, and brick" just doesn't do it for me.

Okay, I'll be honest; I can find an English Muffin, just not when I want one. Apparently Benson has this new thing: the "Bad ... err ... Big Breakfast" on selected days. Now, it's not my usual thing to spend outrageous amounts money on a strip of bacon, part of a half cooked egg, and a day old biscuit, so I thought I'd go with the norm. The problem was the grill was open, but my time had apparently ended.

The idea of just letting me take eggs and bacon from the breakfast table apparently never occurred to anyone working in Benson on this lovely evening in question, but the idea of charging me \$4.99 for a piece of bread to put them in, did.

Now, I don't know about the rest of you, but I don't think I was asking for much. Yet, reflecting on this incident, maybe I should ask for more. We pay a lot of money at this school, and we should feel we're getting some value from it. Education is great, but that's not going to fill your basic needs. So from now on, for my tuition dollars, I no longer want just a bacon, egg, and cheese. I want a song and dance too.

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