University Wins Prestigious National MCSU Award

Geek Forum Staff Fabrication

Wake Forest has received yet another national award: Most Corporate Small University Achieved in Shortest Amount of Time.

Anders Johnson, the vice president for raising tuition and creating bureaucracy, announced today that Wake Forest had been catapulted into this elite ranking of the MCSU in an extraordinary amount of time.

Speaking on his car telephone from his leased luxury car, Johnson gave the Geek Forum an exclusive interview while driving over to the Graylyn Conference Center to inspect the newly planted, $10,000 daffodils.

"I can't talk for very long; time is money you know," Johnson said. "I will tell you that we are mighty proud of this award.

"Consider the criteria. We had to increase the number of veeps from two to eight in less than a decade, and, as you know, our veeps are not cheap.

"The criteria (for the award) called for six digit salaries, a special car fleet — with these handy telephones, — new furniture for all the offices with plush carpet at least 1 3/4 inches deep, and that's just scratching the surface. Or, you can trade the carpet plushness for more square footage per office or brocade curtains.

Johnson continued: "Increasing the veeps and their perks was not hard, but getting the president to comparable CEO status ($200,000 plus) was quite a challenge. We had to resort to stock options and bonuses, but we succeeded."

Following is a partial transcript of the interview with Johnson.

Geek Forum reporter: Do these increases cause tuition to increase?

Johnson: "Of course, but another criterion of bagging the MCSU award is slick management of the news. We can just tag this as physical facilities costs or faculty salary increases, or we can fold it into administrative support costs.

"The faculty are too involved in their own struggle to criticize us, and the students are happy transients. Give them a student center and some basketball tickets and they’re no trouble at all."

Geek Forum reporter: Are there other criteria which deserve mention?

Johnson: "There are small items and then a really difficult one. Changing the logo to move away from the messy Pro Humanitate seal has been easy, but increasing the size of the entire administration, especially at the managerial level, without anyone noticing it, is quite a feat.

"A good corporate group knows how to manipulate the statistics, and we do all right in that regard."

"But what is really difficult if creating a suitable hierarchy so that our networks, bondings and access points give the appearance of consulting without actually sharing paper. That is not easy with crotchety professors and an occasional curious and persistent student. But these are the exceptions at Wake.

"A corporate university relies on everyone out for himself, with a low level of real community involvement."

"Finally, what really clinched the award for us was our marketing strategy. Whatever the merits of our educational philosophy or vision — and we're really not clear on that — we know how to present ourselves well. The Office of Propaganda has been instrumental in this regard."

Geek Forum reporter: Will you have any problems maintaining this corporate posture?

Johnson: "Well, we need all the veeps and the various underlings thinking alike. When the presidents state a theme, we all need to echo it. You know, like this year: We're starting over, keeping a common thrust, seizing on new perks, holding occasional forums — that's what keeps the natives from getting restless."

Geek Forum reporter: Will this award help our students get jobs?

Johnson: "You really haven't caught on, have you? It's not the reality of getting a job that is so critical. It is the appearance of reality that we pay attention to. We'll focus on those who get good jobs, play them up in our press releases, and leave the bad news on jobs for national college recruitment groups.

"You know, we hope they all get jobs. We need to tap our alumni for money. I've got to go now. Someone is buzzing me on call waiting."

RNLH Houses No Students Anywhere

By Spaghetti Western

Assistant Scandal Fabricator

The Office of Residence No Life and Homelessness has created a new classification of students: those "yet to be assigned."

RNLH director Heinous Haggery said the new category "doesn't really mean anything, but doesn't it look impressive, like we actually give a damn about students?"

According to the official RNLH statement, students "yet to be assigned" are guaranteed housing somewhere within Forsyth County.

Students classified as "totally screwed over" may as well not even bother entering the state.

Haggery said RNLH is hoping to reconstruct the cardboard houses used for Homelessness Awareness Week, to be used as residences. "Many of them are actually more sanitary and comfortable than back rooms on the Quad," he said.

Other than the new classification, Haggery said little has changed at RNLH. "During my stint working at United Way, making charities look as bad as possible, my staff made sure no progressive ideas or improvements had a snowball’s chance in Hell of becoming a reality."
Hypocritic Wins Award

The Wake Forest Hypocritic won the Geraldo Rivera "Journalism Does Not Require Brains" award for the publication that shows the best use of an inability to complete a thought.

The rag was cited for its "masterful use of partial facts," "brilliance in looking at one, or even no sides of a story," and "deliberate avoidance of that nasty enemy, the truth."

Editor Gone Baloney was commended by Rivera himself for "picking fights and causing civic unrest for no good reason other than self-glorification." Rivera praised Baloney's "well-developed martyr complex."

However, Rivera said Baloney would have been more worthy of the award if he had managed to get his nose broken. Better luck next time, Baloney!!!

Thronebearers Needed

Any student interested in serving as thronebearers, pageboys or food tasters for President Tommy "I Want A Raise" Earn should get an application at the Imperial Palace (formerly Reynolds Hall).

Requirements include a lack of free-thinking, the inability to form a question, healthy lips to kiss lots of contributors' ... earlobes ... , and talent for picking out tacky jewelry.

Positions To Be Filled

Anyone interested in playing offensive line for the University football team can apply at the athletic department. No playing experience needed. Must be willing to get trampled every fall weekend and watch helplessly as quarterbacks get sacked and runningbacks get dropped shortly after they get the ball.

Applications For High Point

Student interested in spending a semester in High Point, N.C., should pick up an application at the Department of Redneck Studies in Dribble Hall. The program will be led by Professor Billy Joe Bob Steve Tom Xavier. Classes will include "Family Trees that do not fork," "Pabst and a semi-struggle."" and a seminar on placing cars on cinder blocks.

Lack Of Co-operation Is Disgrace

The staff of The Geek Forum would like to express our disappointment in the amount of support the magazine has received from some facets of the Geek community. You would think all Geeks could find the time, amidst doing homework, to prepare a few paragraphs for publication. We are voluntering our time, creativity and energy in the hopes of enhancing the Geek system, but we are not being given the help we need.

Earn Pays For Own Honeymoon

An aerial view of the Earn honeymoon in romantic Daytona Beach, Fla. The exclusive Geek Forum photo was taken from a chartered helicopter (thank you, SBAC!!!) The flight was cut short when the chopper almost collided with a supersonic Concorde, also chartered, carrying all the vice presidents of the University. This is the clearest photo of Earn's bride to date. We vow to get a closer shot of Earn's next honeymoon.

Earn turns green from 'gold' chain

People who saw President Tommy "I Want A Raise" Earn during his daily doggie-ride said he has developed a green stain around his neck. Many surmise that the stain is caused by the new Pretentious Chain of Ostentation.

The chain, a gift from crusty Sex in Leftfield, was originally believed to be 12-carat gold. It appears that the chain was actually gold-plated lead. Leftfield expressed shock at this turn of events. "I bought it from a very honest goldsmith with a tooth and a trenchcoat on Trade Street. He said it would leave the recipient in your debt forever, so I immediately bought of Tommy." President Earn said he would probably hock the chain for a transistor radio, raising tuition another 10% to cover the difference. "I just hope my wedding band and pimple ring don't do this," Earn said. "Wake Forest must keep up appearances, even if it means neglecting education."
Columnist Enlightens Rest of Us Poor Souls

By Aston R. Hearndon III
Guest Columnist

In what I stalwartly promise to be my last editorial for The Geek Forum, I shall take this opportunity to present a summation of all my arguments as forwarded in editorial columns in this most illustrious publication (made all the more illustrious for my contributions) for those who had the misfortune to miss my insightful pontifications for the past few years.

As I was traversing the campus a few days ago, gazing at the expansive Georgian architectural miracles before me, and thanking the heavens for the miracle of Western culture in all its supreme glory, yet another person came and told me what a wonderful person I am. Alas, I am humbled by their admiration, and yet it inspires me to continue directing attention to the wrongs perpetrated by the evil in our realm. Evil I in my sublime perfection am able to identify and rectify with utmost clarity and efficacy.

That to which it boils down, oh lowly subjects, is simple. In between gazing at our beloved monuments, I too have noticed and been horrified at the thought of the evil element around us. With my quick, cutting and discerning eye, I see it manifest in the devils who seek to turn our curriculum inside out, tossing out our most esteemed DWEOMs (may our Fathers rest in peace).

I have every reassurance that it is out there, I am sure of it! Somewhere, perhaps across an ocean living in the state of Japan and ready to bomb us any day should we turn our backs for a moment. Could it be that the malevolence has infiltrated those fanatical, flaming feminists who dare to ask respect (as if we men have not given enough) — hush and head back to the hearth, silly woman? I would forward such a hypothesis.

And those poor, misled black souls. Really, you people must get over this fix on being the downtrodden. Look around you — discrimination is gone! One need but look to my enviable list of accomplishments to realize 'tis a truism. To say otherwise is pure evil.

Oh, my simple readers, you know not the evil in your midst. Without me, my words and my perfect wisdom, where would you be? Alas, as I pick up my quill and scroll, it only so you never face such pitiful, grievous fate.

Hearndon is finally a senior.

Confused? Deluded? Comatose?

Letters to the editor should be written in pen (no crayon please) and be addressed to:
Box 666

If you're lucky, submissions will be printed in next year's issue.

Letters From The Editor

Dear Lu:

Why, oh why, are you planting more trees on this campus? Students do not want to pay for more landscaping. In fact, you may be surprised to learn that we would support suspending all landscaping in return for lower tuition. If we can't afford to go here, it doesn't really matter what the campus looks like, does it?

Furthermore, we wonder why, when you do plant trees, they are two feet apart. We are not landscapers, but even we know that trees (hopefully) do one day grow larger, and they will have to be cut down.

The Editors

P.S. We are glad your plan to turn Magnolia Court into French Gardens failed.

Dear Parking Ticket People:

We students at Wake Forest are required to take high level math classes to ensure that we know how to add, subtract and do all sorts of complicated mathematical operations (to make sure our tuition checks do not bounce — we aren't in Congress, after all). Therefore, we do not feel it is too much to ask that you be able to count also.

It doesn't take a mathematician to know that there are less parking places on campus than registered cars. Perhaps you could talk to Lu about planting less trees and creating more parking spaces.

At the very least, STOP GIVING OUT STUPID TICKETS. Students should not be punished for parking illegally if there is nowhere else to park. We do not pay $12,000 to have the privilege to pay an additional several hundred dollars a year in parking fines.

The Editors

Dear D. Wayne Calloway:

We will not forget that you denied us access to the board of trustees meetings, all by your little self, without even letting the board vote on it.

Your excuses don't hold water. We know that you could have let a reporter attend the meeting without allowing other newspapers into the meeting. It also doesn't matter that this is unprecedented. (It's certainly never stopped you before. We had never had tacky pictures of Pepsi celebrities hanging in university buildings before either.)

The Editors

Dear Dave Odom:

CALL A TIMEOUT, FOR GOD'S SAKE!!!!!!

The Editors

The Fleece the Students Shop is now accepting orders for the inmates, faculty, and administration who want to show off the pompous splendor of Wake Forest with their own piece of gaudy neck-art. The chain is not guaranteed in any way but similar items have sold in New York at an 11.1 percent increase over their actual value each year.
Anti-Greek Bopswell Forms Greek Sorority

By Gladly Dickyou
Staff Pervert

A senior, who was once opposed to the existence of a Greek system on campus, is now trying to form a new sorority.

Concerning the radical stance she took on Greeks last fall in two editorials, senior Truie Bopswell said, "I had let my bleach job grow out, and it must have done something awful to my brain."

I really believed I could find a man when I was sober. It all seems like some distant bad dream now." As of now, Miss Bopswell has yet to decide upon any particular sorority, but she said she is fielding many offers.

She has only recruited one other student, junior Stuffmany Fellas, to join her interest group.

Miss Bopswell said, "I work with Stuffmany at the newspaper, and we worked together to reconcile our negative feelings about men. We learned that sometimes you just need to get smashed and puke. It's what life's all about. And in hindsight, being a Greek was the pinnacle of my existence. And like a fool, I went inactive. I only hope that I can regain those magical moments that made me proud to spell my name 'V.I.C.T.I.M.'"

Miss Bopswell said: "I'm basically looking for those girls with 'less competitive' looks and personalities. I mean, who needs competition."

She said she still shudders at those "dark days" last fall. "I joined E.G.O.S. I even joined the Wussy Foundation — and what a little Satanfest that turned out to be. At my low point, I went to a Stupid Artists Series event one Friday night, Boy, was I jeosasin' for a drink then."

She still feels that sexism pervades the Greek system. She said: "Men are pigs. If you can't beat him, you might as well use 'em."

Miss Fellas said, "I've got a cattle prod back in my room. I'm just waiting for some dirty frat boy to mess with me. Unless, of course, he's dirty enough to excite me."

Miss Bopwell said: "My silly flooz clock has really started to tick. I'm running out of time. I need to find some sisters. Deep down I know that they will become 70 or 80 of my closest friends. I am nothing. I even went to a positive self-talk meeting last week."

Miss Fellas said: "Don't be sad, Truie. We'll find those Greek letters that are out there somewhere waiting for us. Really, we will! Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow. But some day, we'll have those letters that we can wear four or five days a week. You've got to hold onto your dreams."

Deacon Club Members Refuse to Leave Seats, Even After Game Ended

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Hole Coliseum officials were thrown into a tizzy during basketball season when Deacon Club members refused to leave their seats, even after the game ended.

The Deacon Club members growled at ushers who asked them to get up and go, "We pay our money — we don't have to be enthusiastic. Which is more important at Wake Forest, school spirit or the almighty dollar?" Officials couldn't argue with that one, but still expressed concern over possible fire hazards.

Deacon Club members later admitted that one of the reasons they refused to leave was that the circulation to their legs had completely stopped, due to lack of use for an entire winter.

Another reason cited was "so we can finally enjoy some peace and quiet. Those raucaus students keep interrupting our social gatherings with their basketball games. The audacity!"