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By Angela Hsu
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Lab reports indicate a bird found dead on campus Aug. 26 tested positive for the West Nile Virus. According to the Forsyth County Environmental Health Department, a university staff member found the crow around 6:30 a.m. in the road at the corner of Gulley Drive and Wingate Road. It is one of six birds found to be carrying the virus in the county over the past year, according to Kyle Wessels, assistant director of Student Health Services, who said the university does not anticipate testing additional birds in the county.

According to Dr. John B. Jumper, chief of the department’s division of infectious diseases and director of the Division of Student Health, there is no significant threat to campus or the community: “The bird is a carrier, and not an actual threat, as long as no one comes in contact with the bird.”


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Endowment drops $80 million in 2002

By Brian Carlo
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Despite an $80 million loss in 2002 and a negative annual return for the second year in a row, Louis Morrell, vice president for institutional advancement, anticipates a positive future for the endowment.

The endowment lost 5.3 percent of its net market value as of June 30, the end of the fiscal year, according to a working document written by Morrell for endowment fund donors and contacts. He cited positive trends in the past year as reasons to remain confident in the outlook of the endowment, such as university’s placement in the top quartile of all universities in terms of performance and the endowment’s investment losses compared with the losses of major stock market indexes.

The endowment only makes up about 20 percent of the university’s operating budget, so Morrell expects the loss won’t affect day-to-day operations at all and said that this is hardly an emergency situation.

“This will not cause specific problems for us,” Morrell said. “It would call it a crisis by any means.”

The ending market value of the endowment is now placed at $732,324,000, down from $812,380,000 in 2001. The $80 million dollar loss in 2002 reflects not only market losses but also regular annual contributions and expenditures.

In the period between 1994 and 2000, the endowment grew by 124 percent and peaked at $969,618,000 in 2001. Following the downturn in the economy, the endowment took heavy losses at the start of the 2001 fiscal year, losing 15.5 percent of its total net worth.

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The committee is made up of six student representatives, members of SG, and three faculty representatives. According to the committee, the student should first speak with their instructor before seeking the committee’s help. The case would then be presented to the Committee on Academic Affairs, which makes its final decision.

Jenny Monk, SG secretary, said the committee deals with a variety of student requests. “We’ll work on an individual basis and their case is handled individually,” Monk said.

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The Presidents’ Leadership Conference, held Sept. 14 and 15 in Roanoke, Virginia, reinforced the demand for social change on campus. Students, faculty and administrators generated ideas to enhance student life through the creation of new traditions, increasing “hangout” space and the construction of a recreation center.

Each year, President Thomas K. Herbst Jr. and Student Government executive officers host the weekend retreat which this year gathered 24 student leaders from major student organizations together with 29 faculty, staff and administration.

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ith the anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11 come and gone, I want to reflect for a moment about the future. It is my belief that one who respects the sacrifices that our armed forces have made must change your mind. However, neither of those is beneficial. We must change our way of thinking by focusing on the problems of today, future leaders must focus on preventing terrorism rather than forcings societies to bear the burden of violence. Future leaders must make conflict prevention and in foreign and national policy a top priority.

The war in Afghanistan has cost billions of dollars, including the cost of financing the continued occupation of the war-torn countries. The earlier intervention of governments to promote and finance the development and good governance and democracy in Afghanistan may have resulted in a change similar to the impact of the Marshall Plan.

Several organizations, such as Medecins sans Frontieres (borders) and the West African Network for Peace, already study areas of potential conflict problems in real-world situations. The realization of warning signs and prevention of violent conflict saves, lives, money, and prevents the loss of development. When we are surrounded by the sounds of bombings and guns, both from within and as a response to terrorism, leaders need to hear the actual “why” behind the trigger finger. Economic efficiency and political soundness is needed. The stability of the whole system thus rests upon the improvement of its component parts.

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Governments are only addressing the immediate threat of violence by ordering the killing of dissenting, disinterested groups. In the long term, the failure to open the lines of communication will only lead to increased and prolonged violence.

State-sponsored political violence is a source of conflict that may plague future generations’ leaders and motivate violent regional and national unrest. Many leaders fail to acknowledge their government’s state-sponsored political violence towards other nations and their own citizens, especially relating to limitations on civil liberties and institutionalized behavior. The United States, for example, has failed to take responsibility for a major portion of the backpedal “proxy-war” – the arming of rebels groups to destroy government forces (Venezuela and later with the United States in Central and South America). Future leaders must learn from the United States’ history of political violence and actively work towards its abolition. In doing so, they must rid themselves of frustration and anger that fuel the violence of dissident groups and can therefore move towards a peaceful resolution.

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Embracing American ideal of liberty, paying homage to forefathers important.

Fritz Vaughan

Computing is as much a part of this modern world as baseball, football, or basketball. If you do not have a computer, you are considered less of a man or woman. Or so goes the adage.

In today's world, computers are not only a part of our daily lives, but they are also a tool that we use to express ourselves. The computer is a powerful tool that can be used to create art, music, or even change the world.

But what does this mean for the future of computing? Will computers continue to grow in power and capabilities? Or will they reach a point where they become obsolete?

The future of computing is still up for debate. Some argue that computers will continue to get faster and more powerful, while others believe that they will eventually reach a point of stagnation.

One thing is certain, however: the computer is here to stay. Whether you use it for work, entertainment, or communication, the computer is an essential part of modern life.

So what's next for computing? Only time will tell. But one thing is for sure: the computer will continue to change the world in ways we cannot even imagine.

Cherie Colvin

An initiative pending qualification for the 2014 Nevada ballot asks Nevadans to amend the state's constitution, allowing for the possession of up to three ounces of marijuana by an adult. This would make Nevada the third state in the nation to have legal marijuana, following Colorado and Washington.

The initiative, known as the Nevada Marijuana Legalization Initiative, would allow adults 21 and older to possess up to three ounces of marijuana for personal use. It would also create a regulatory framework for the production, distribution, and sale of marijuana.

The initiative has generated significant interest and support, with some arguing that it would bring economic benefits to the state and others expressing concerns about its potential negative impacts.

The Nevada Marijuana Legalization Initiative is just the latest in a series of initiatives to legalize marijuana in states throughout the country. The movement to legalize marijuana has gained momentum in recent years, with a growing number of states legalizing it for medical or recreational use.

But the legal status of marijuana remains a contentious issue, with opponents arguing that it is a dangerous drug that should be regulated and that legalizing it would lead to an increase in drug use.

Despite these concerns, the movement to legalize marijuana continues to gain momentum, with some suggesting that it may eventually lead to the legalization of other drugs as well.

Molly Taylor
Professor knighted for efforts in Benin

By Liz Heritage
Contributing Reporter

In an age bewitch of Arthurian heroes and chivalry, Sylvain Boko, an assistant professor of economics, assumed the role of a modern knight. In a ceremony held July 26 in Cotonou, Benin, Boko received the title of Knight of the National Order of the Republic of Benin.

Boko was awarded the medal, the country's highest honor, for his service and commitment to the rural communities of Benin as well as his work to raise awareness of Benin's need to continue efforts to promote Benin's local economy and its cultural diversity.

Boko organized and led a five-week summer program and a three-week winter study abroad trip to Benin in which student directly interact with African communities in the states. The program was designed to involve the university in the country's development goal, to put its resources toward technology.

As a member of the Carolina Skeptics, Boko plans to strengthen the organization that encourages education and critical thinking in response to paranormal and extraordinary claims. The organization was started four years ago at the university and currently claims around 100 members in North and South Carolina.

Investment banking workshop planned

The Office of Career Services will host The Real World of Investment Banking at 11 a.m. Sept. 24 in Benigno 450. Speakers include Jeff Malone, partner at the Calloway School of Management. For more information, contact Ashley Larson at Ext. 3033.

Salamanc program accepting applications

Applications for the spring 2003 semester in Salamanca, Spain, due Nov. 1. Applications can be picked up in the main office of the department of Romance Languages in Green 323, or from Maria Gonzalez Robayna in Green 326. For more information, contact Ext. 6135 or gonzalen@wustl.edu

Appalachian workshop conference internships

All students and faculty are invited to attend an internship workshop, “Developing under-graduate internships in anthropology: the Appalachian experience” conducted by Susan Kosev at 2 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Museum of Anthropology, Lecture Hall.

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Skeptics defy Friday the 13th

By Jeff Harvey
Old Gold and Black Reporter

On Friday, Sept. 13, students were invited to speak superstition in the face of a day when superstition often reigns supreme.

The Carolina Skeptics, president and associate professor of physics, Eric Carlson, said the Carolina Skeptics includes people from all walks of life, from scientists and engineers to insurance salesmen and homesteaders. The club schedules talks every few months and publishes a quarterly newsletter, Aphorismically Speaking.

Carlson, an associate professor of physics, attempted to perform all the unlucky rituals simultaneously.

“We believe people should use critical thinking rather than just accept extraordinary claims, and the claim that Friday the 13th brings bad luck is certainly extraordinary,” Carlson said.

The Carolina Skeptics is a non-profit organization that encourages education and critical thinking in response to paranormal and extraordinary claims. The organization was started four years ago at the university and currently claims around 100 members in North and South Carolina.

The Carolina Skeptics costs $12 per year and $10 per year for students and senior citizens. Members receive the club newsletter and are eligible for a 40 percent discount on books from Prometheus Books.
Entry-level job opportunities dry up for Class of 2003

By Scott Huff
Contributing Reporter

College seniors nearing graduation have been hit by a major blow. Since recent graduates had the upper hand in the search for a dream job, economic circumstances have reversed this luxury a bit.

According to Bill Currin, director of the university's Office of Career Services, students must make every effort to combat today's job market. "Students should rely on academic achievement, work experience and extra-curricular activities. You just can't depend on one thing. You've got to attack this thing with everything you've got." He said.

This year, Career Services has been pushing for students to start early on their career search, offering workshops and programs to help graduates toward success in their field. The annual career fair was held Sept. 18 in Benson University Center. Students brought resumes and began networking with representatives from nearly 40 companies, down more than 50 percent from last year.

"Last year's college grads experienced a difficult time in their job search, and it looks like this year will also be challenging," said Marilyn Mackes, the executive director of NACE, said. "The Class of 2003 is going to face a lot of competition for jobs. More, than ever before, students need to use all the resources available to them, particularly their campus career center, where they'll get expert guidance in conducting a successful job search.

"We've seen a major drawback from recent graduates who have lost their jobs, and the most valuable of these services are summer internships, says Currin. "Internships are key," said Currin. "They are going to make (students) attractive to employers, but more importantly it's going to give students an opportunity to experience the real world and it gives them some perspective as to what they want to do in their future careers.

"We've got to hit the ground running when they graduate," said Currin. "They must make every effort to combat this thing in the late '80s and early '90s, and it turns very bad very quickly. Where the already suffer from the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, it is definitely a crucial blow for the economy to find a job. "I see so many of my friends already stressing about not having a job when they graduate, and it makes me thankful I have four more years before I have to go through the same thing," he said. "But overall, by then, the economy will be on an upward swing and it will make getting a job a lot easier," he said.

"We've seen a major drawback in the consulting firms," Currin said. "We've seen a major drawback in the consulting firms. They just aren't hiring the numbers they've hired in the past. That is really hurting us, because we would have found that would come in that would make 20-22 offers. The double-whammy is that students are also competing against recent graduates who have lost their jobs, and who are willing to accept an entry-level job," he said.

Despite the absence of some recruiting classes down the road, it's going to be booming again," he added.

Until the market improves, Career Services will be working hard to utilize every possible resource to help students find jobs.

What usually occurs in a positive market is that most of the recruiting takes place during the fall. Starting early, recruiters are able to attract more students with the upswing in the demand for college graduates. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in the country for August was 3.7 percent, up from 4.3 percent only a year ago. The unemployment rate for recent college graduates is estimated to be slightly higher.

In addition to these statistics, a report entitled "The Outlook for College Graduates, 1996-2000: Prepare Yourself," also published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said, "Although the reality for most college graduates is not as bleak as the media portray, it is true that there are more job seekers with college degrees than there are open entry-level jobs.

The report published during the "boom" market of the late '90s, doesn't factor in the effects of an economic downturn. Where certain types of college graduates had a challenging time finding a sufficient job, the situation has only gotten worse.

"The top recruiters of the school are financial organizations and consulting firms," Currin said. "We've seen the numbers for those companies down. The previous year.

"They're going to be booming again," he added. "The top recruiters of the school are financial organizations and consulting firms. It's a hopeful sign – some of what we've seen in the past. What we are hearing from recruiters is that they've assuming a "wait-and-see" position this fall, and they're 'keeping their powder dry,'" said Currin.

"They are seeing the growth that they've been looking at, and they're reworking their plans. We think they may see this is a hopeful sign – some indications that we will see an improvement of recruiting activity in the spring, which is the opposite of what we've seen in the past. We can't guarantee this, though," he said.

About 40 businesses sent representatives to Career Service's job fair to recruit for employment. Here, junior Davonda Burton talks with Jon Cox of Krispy Kreme.

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Police Beat

Students advised to beware of fraud

A female student in Kitchens House reported that she received a phone call at around 6:20 p.m. on Sept. 9 from a man claiming to work for a wireless phone company. The man was allegedly confirming personal information, including social security numbers, about the student in order to process an order from the company. The student told University Police that she was not currently a customer with the company. University Police remind all students to be cautious about revealing personal information over the phone or otherwise.

Property Damage

A business sign was vandalized and portable restrooms were overthrown outside Reynolds House between 10 p.m. on Sept. 7 and 1 p.m. on Sept. 8, following a public event held there. Estimated damage to the property was $80.

Alcohol Violations

University Police cited two undergraduate students for drinking alcohol on the evening of Sept. 13 and early morning of Sept. 14. The first student was cited outside Bostick Residence Hall around 11 p.m. Sept. 13. The second student was cited on Wingate Road around 4 a.m. Sept. 14. Information about both incidents was forwarded to Harold Holmes, associate vice president and dean of student services.

Theft

University Police responded to 61 calls from Sept. 9 to Sept. 15, including nine incidents and investigations and 52 calls for service.

Information Systems

Endowment: Fund drops, hopes high

"If you can go down 5 percent when the S&P is down 18 percent, relatively speaking, that's as good as you can get," said Morrell. "When we changed our asset mix and rebalanced our portfolio," Morrell said, "the '13.5' did not go unnoticed. We virtually rebalanced our portfolio to make it more defensive."

The university was an early adopter of wireless networks, testing different wireless networks over the past seven years. In 1999, IS offered students wireless cards in a campus-wide program that continues today. "The wireless cards can be used by students and faculty at two megabits per second," according to IS. Most wired network connections on campus reach speeds of 10 megabits per second.

"A major complaint with the current wireless system is its dependence on an extra card plugged into the wall," according to Morrell. "These cards were very expensive and not easy to damage. IS hopes to solve this problem by utilizing internal wireless connections.

The university currently uses a basic wireless connection in its campus, but it is not the oldest or newest. The wireless system connects to the wall, except now you won’t even need to plug it into the wall," Tommy Jackson, director of telecommunications, said.

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The long-term goal for the endowment is an average market return of 11.2 percent per year. Despite the recent announcement that the successful Campaign for Wake Forest University will have a 10-year endowment, expectations are high.

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"A major complaint with the current wireless system is its dependence on an extra card plugged into the wall," according to Morrell. "These cards were very expensive and not easy to damage. IS hopes to solve this problem by utilizing internal wireless connections.

The university currently uses a basic wireless connection in its campus, but it is not the oldest or newest. The wireless system connects to the wall, except now you won’t even need to plug it into the wall," Tommy Jackson, director of telecommunications, said.

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Local merchants target students

By Stephanie Bennett  Contributing Reporter

Despite the lackluster reputation of Winston-Salem entertainment offerings among the college crowd, the Chamber of Commerce has begun to court students in hopes of bringing them downtown more often.

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By Alex Bayes  Contributing Reporter

After a one-year skip from the top spot, students from the Calloway School of Business and Accounting have once again ranked first on move-in day for their scores on the Certified Public Accountant exam.

The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy officially announced the scores of the 2001 exam.

Seven percent of Calloway students passed all four sections, ranking first in business law, second in financial accounting and reporting, and third in auditing, accounting, and reporting. The national average passing rate is 21.2%.

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Three 2001 graduates, Wendel Krakovich, Kirk Steinfield, and Brian Bonham, earned the three highest scores in the state of North Carolina. This milestone marks the second time since 1997 that Calloway students have captured all the state medals.

The 2001 CPA exam was the first since 1999 that students themselves “saw the results,” Lee Knight, a professor of accounting and advisor in Bostwick Residence Hall, said. Mr. McCoy believes to be unfair.

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The CPA exam is given in May and November, but the scores for the 2002 CPA exams will not be released until the summer of 2003. The university has already notified that 2002 graduate Eric Almond received the highest score in the state.

“The number one ranking of our accounting graduates is a tribute to the ability and dedication of the students themselves,” Lee Knight, a professor of accounting and advisor in the community more than the community itself,” she said.

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Leading Men

By Tiffany Brewer
Contributing Reporter

Unlike most years, the elected executives of SG are all men. But they say gender doesn’t get in the way of the work they do for students.

The executive members agreed they continued their political careers because of their passion and dedication for the job and through encouragement of their predecessors. They believe that the same will happen in the following years, attracting more candidates.

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Years to come

If a visitor walked into the Student Government office, they would soon realize that the pictures on the wall of each executive branch of the past clearly shows the diversity within each group. For example, two years ago, there was only one male in the executive branch.

Sophomore Laura Bergfield, who lost a treasurer’s race last year to sophomore Randy Gray, said a lack of female candidates in future elections would have a negative effect on the campus community.

She added that this year’s circumstance shouldn’t discourage women from running in the future.

“With the freshman class having such a low amount of candidates this year, it will remain an issue if things are not changed. I find myself scanning the pictures in the office and counting the girls that were on the executive branch in the past,” she said.

“The only way that this will not become a pattern is if the underclassmen look past the faces of four white males and see four dedicated people who love what they do. Don’t let external appearances discourage you against running for an office, even in the spring. If you love student government, get involved. Don’t be intimidated.”

Moving forward

Members of the branch are unable to say if there is a difference in having only male perspectives versus females since it is so early in the year. They said gender has not yet been an issue but are prepared to deal with it fairly should it arise.

But Bergfield thinks that students should avoid situations like this year’s, adding that it’s on campus women to climb the SG ranks.

“If you don’t change it now, you’ll have a repeat of this year,” she said. “We need strong girls to step up. Our biggest core is from freshman, if we lose that, it will hurt us in future years. You’ll have an opportunity to run again for a position in the spring, take advantage of that.”

The new administration

Last spring two people ran for president, Ramsey and senior Sean McGuire. Sophomore Jeana Harrington and senior Jonathan Willingham faced off for the position of secretary for the position of treasurer, sophomores Randy Gray and Laura Bergfield ran unopposed.

In the past three years, there has been at least one female executive representative on the executive board. Ramsey himself has worked under female President, Mandy Carlson, ’01, as co-chair of the academic committee. And during that same year, there was only one male in the SG office.

Anita Blandesd commented that this year’s cabinet is fairly diverse and that it just happened to work out this past year that there are no women in the executive branch. He continued by stating where each candidate was elected based on experience and not sex.

And all of the men in the executive branch are attempting to make up for the lack of women within their office, staying away from what Ramsey does not want to be considered a “locker room.”

Does it even matter?

Taylor said she was never cognizant of the fact that the executive branch was all male until someone pointed it out to her. She never saw it as a detriment to continuing in Student Government throughout her college career and believes that when it comes to SG, gender isn’t the point.

The student body generally makes good decisions of who it elects as legislators and executives, basing its decisions on the candidates as individuals, and on their experience and platforms, not on stereotypes, she said.

That being said, why do certain students continue their involvement with SG all the way to its highest offices, while some lose interest or leave the group?

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OPINION
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Student Life should use existing facilities

S everal strong suggestions for improving campus life were presented at the Sept. 13-15 Presidents’ Leadership Conference in Roanoke, Va. The leaders’ evaluations of student life are right on: Greek life often needs to be rescued; the academic pursuit, and Sir Sylvain Boko uses academic ideas in real world

P rofessors often need to be rescued from their ivory towers of academia. And Sir Sylvain Boko, an assistant professor of economics and a native of the National Order of Benin, is just the one to do it.

His honorary knighthood illustrates that the West is not far away even when it seems to exist in a vacuum. Academia is best served when put to use in real life settings. And Boko is the perfect agent of this mission.

He is a student in Benin, his homeland, where students to apply what they’ve learned in the classroom. An advocate of increased democracy on the continent, Boko goes beyond the written word in his book, “Don’t ask me about my country.” Instead, he travels to Africa, to action, giving students the opportunity to put their knowledge to work with African communities and increasing their role in the world.

During their time in Benin this summer, students said they could have worked with area hospitals. Africa evolved from a name to places, faces, a reality. While they didn’t work with a group of students on campus who uses his academic experience to impact the real world, he is an example of the strong partnership between knowledge and action.

Editorial board of the OGB affirms accuracy of articles

On Sept. 17, the Wake Forest News Service released a statement “WFU Responds to E-mail Issues Raised by Newspaper” to all university faculty, staff and students via their e-mail addresses. In response to two related articles in the Sept. 12 edition of the Old Gold and Black (“E-mail: for your eyes only?” and “A force to be reckoned with”), the e-mail expressed administrative concern that the articles “give the false impression that University Police have access to e-mail accounts in the University network.”

The Old Gold and Black takes its role in the university community and its responsibility of fair and accurate reporting very seriously.

Thus, we were deeply concerned when an official university communication suggested inaccuracies in the articles.

It is also our responsibility as a newspaper to determine whether a printed correction or clarification is needed to set the record straight. When asked, no staff member or administrator involved with e-mail policy pointed out factual errors or misquotations in the articles, but instead expressed concern about the articles’ tone.

The OGB accurately reported that in previous cases, University Police can gain access to a university e-mail account. Section four of the Policy on Responsible and Ethical Use of Computing Resources states that, “In especially serious cases, Information Systems staff may read user’s e-mail, but only after obtaining permission from the Provost.” Under this policy, the OGB reported that University Police can obtain permission to read a user’s e-mail with “consensus between the offices of Information Systems, Student Life and University Police,” with the Division of Student Life serving as the current-appointed representative of the Provost.

The article went into that this situation through a rare one, represents a difference between the role of police on- and off campus.

In its statement, the university recommends that the provost faculty, and staff Committee on Information Technology amend a policy that “does not generally address such access” by the university to personal e-mail, a policy that has been involved in the past in rare instances of being an appropriate administrator make a determination that the interest to be served fairly, allowing access to an account outweighs the interest in preserving the privacy of communications.”

We admit the journalistic process is imperfect at times, but we are proud of the way the stories on government. We believe that this approach may help the article misleading, there are no better solutions and we trust our readers to evaluate the issue themselves.

The OGB encourages submissions of letters to the editor as the primary venue for expressing disagreement with articles we publish. We open our paper each week to concerned parties, allowing them to respond to articles in the various forums in which they appeared.

We believe this serves the university community by creating a two Way dialogue on the pages of the paper, allowing for a greater understanding of an issue and the encouraging exchange.

The topic of students’ rights is sensitive and complex, and for this reason we’ve devoted the “We the Students” series to these crucial issues. Over the next few weeks, we will continue our research into the university’s policy regarding e-mail privacy.

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I am aed of George Washington's warning about "the baneful effects of the spirit of party" in his farewell address: "...it is much easier, if not impossible, to account for the number of citizens and leave the cap off the bottle.

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Deacons down UVA, garner top-five ranking

By Tisha Lanier

While the Demon Deacons football record of 1-2 isn’t anything to write home about, Wake Forest fans can console themselves with the knowledge that the Demon Deacons field hockey team got the better of the North Carolina Tar Heels on Sept. 17. 

"I think the group is a fun group to be around," Wake Forest field hockey head coach Jen Averill said. "We’ve worked hard, we’ve bled and we’ve sweated to get ourselves in a winning position."

The Deacons won 3-2 to improve to 3-1. Wake Forest fell behind 2-1 through two periods but scored two goals in the third period to take the lead.

"We controlled the tempo to get them used to the pace," Averill said. "Once they got used to the pace, we put them away."

Wake Forest goalie Jessica Wolter had 12 saves for her fourth straight win.

"I think this group is a fun group to be around," Averill said. "They’re always there for each other, always supporting each other."

The Deacons will travel to West Virginia on Wednesday for the first time in the season. Wake Forest has won three of its last four meetings with the Mountaineers.

"I expect them to have a lot of energy and I expect them to play a good game," Averill said. "They always give us a tough game."
Women's Soccer vs. UNCG, Spry Stadium; Men's Tennis at UVa. Fall Tournament; Football at Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind., 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer vs. Maryland, Friday, September 20

The Demon Deacons men's soccer team has climbed five spots over Davidson, Loyola Marymount and Virginia Commonwealth. "We will try to extend upon their perfect season," said Coach Jim Grobe.

The victory had much to do with the defense of the Demon golfers finishing in the top 10 for the first time since 1990. "The Deacs led the charge and up by the Deacs in red, finishing at 1-under par for the round. Yoder shot a 79 and the tough conditions in the final round. "The momentum swung the Deacon's way over Chris Yoder and Cort-...

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Ultimate frisbee hits the campus

By Alex Snyder
Contributing Reporter

What’s all the RUCKUS about? And what exactly is the Well Oiled Machine Baby? Just ask any of the men’s and women’s team members of one of Wake’s newest athletic teams: Club Ultimate Frisbee.

This past weekend almost 40 people from both the men’s and women’s ultimate frisbee teams traveled to the University of Richmond for the Monument Games Tournament.

RUCKUS, the women’s team, RUCKUS, and the men’s team, known as the Well Oiled Machine Baby (WOMB), played exceptionally well, with the highlight of the weekend coming from an upset victory by the women’s team over American University.

Over the past few years at Wake, membership for both RUCKUS and WOMB has been growing exponentially. The men’s team, led by captain Nate “Natty Oiled Machine Baby (WOMB), currently travels with a roster of more than 20.

Junior Betty Browder is the captain of RUCKUS, which formed just last year. The women’s team already has a core of 20 members, and is continuously growing with every practice.

Today, Ultimate, as it is fondly called, is played by an estimated 500,000 players in over 30 countries. Ultimate Frisbee was even added as a sport at the 2000 World Games in Japan, in which Canada won the gold medal game with an overtime victory against the United States.

This past weekend, WOMB advanced through sectional play and qualified for the regionals, which was a great accomplishment for a team as young as ours,” Stewart said.

Despite the fact that we didn’t win a game in our regionals, we walked away from that tournament with an increased motivation and an increased desire to win.

“Ultimate is an awesome sport,” said Baker. “College is a great time to get involved in the sport, because it’s so social and people who have been playing are so willing to teach new players.”

Members of the RUCKUS ultimate frisbee pose for the camera. The interest surrounding the sport has skyrocketed on campus over the past year.

“Ultimate is an awesome sport that’s easy to learn leadership and to lead WOMB to victory. We are excited that we have the opportunity to have a successful season and that people are interested in the sport of Ultimate.”

This year, the team showed a lot of tenacity and perseverance in finishing of a strong season.

“Anybody can participate in Ultimate,” said Baker. “You don’t need to be a professional athlete to play. You just need to be willing to give it a try.”

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After a tough opening loss in the Kentuckky Challenge, the Women’s Volleyball team came back hard and fast! 1-2 at this past weekend’s tournament. The team fought through adversity and defeated a strong Western Michigan and will use what they learned and brought to the team through a tough match, especially the third game.

“The team showed a lot of tenacity and perseverance in finishing of a strong third game and four game match and versus a tough team,” Head Coach Valorie Baker said. The Deacons won on to win by the score of 28-30, 30-28, 30-26, and 25-23.

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By the end of this weekend, Coach Baker wants the team to have a “high-confidence level,” going into their first ACC game on Friday Sept. 24. “It will be exciting,” Baker said. “They are one of the top teams in the ACC and it would be great.”

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Deans were all over the stat sheet, including senior midfielder Ali Robbins, and registering 11 penalty corners to Radford's nine. Throughout Averett is pleased with her team's current performance, she says there is more work to be done. "We are not in midseason form, and I think we humble ourselves with that," Averett said. With intense practices and constant field hockey, the Deacs are determined to push the Deacs to the bit to prove their capabilities to continue perfect record.

Of course they will have the opportunity when USC committed a handball in the box. With just over 10 minutes left in the half, junior midfielder Katherine Winstead went alone to pass to freshman forward Melanie Schneider. Schneider, who had just scored the first goal of the contest, Winstead and freshman forward Alena Thoms who dribbled ball to mid-air on the USC side of the field. Robbins sent ball to the awaiting Robbins who sent a shot into the back of the net. Under five minutes later a pass to freshman forward Melanie Schneider. Sch-

Catching the Deacs to the bit, her 2-0 lead and propelled them into the top 10 with a No. 8 ranking. The Deacons recorded their sixth win just in time for their typical attacking style.

"I want revenge," Lawhon said. "It's going to be a very emotional match." Healy said, "But we just had confidence in ourselves and the feeling that we had seen the best they had to offer in one that ball.

The Deacons will begin conference play Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. as ACC rival Maryland will travel to Pullman for a showdown in the first half and was the last of the scoring in the first half and was the last of the scoring in the goal. The Deacs lost to the Terrapins 2-0 and pushed them into the top 10 with a No. 8 ranking. The Deacons recorded their sixth win just in time for their typical attacking style.

The rainy weather — ranging from a slight drizzle to a torrential downpour — helps to set the tone for the game. The Deacs have a lot of pride on the line and a sense of urgency to get back to national form.

For men's soccer and freshman sensation Sarah Rosay of women's soccer, this is the very first time that they have been awarded as the ACC Player of the Week, both have the zone for the score that the defense pushed up and began to play the defense.

In this article we have analyzed some of the key factors that have contributed to the Deacs success. However, Peterson came up big in goal for USC, making a great defensive steal just past midfield and propulsion them into the top 10 with a No. 8 ranking. The Deacons recorded their sixth win just in time for their typical attacking style.

We are really anxious and excited about opening conference play," Healy said, "and we are especially happy to be doing it at home."
Exhibits look at Cambodian life

Museum of Anthropology offers exhibit on Triad’s Cambodian community

By Dana Zelig

Contributing Reviewer

The burgeoning Hispanic population in Forsyth County is proof that the idea of the Triad as the ultimate WASP enclave may soon begin to look like a mirage.

If your first thought is, “I didn’t know Greensboro had a Hispanic community,” you’re not alone. The Museum of Anthropology has an exhibit on Cambodian culture, “Across the Temple Gate: The Cambodian Side of Greensboro.”

Willkommen, bienvenue, welkom, kumquat ...

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The musical opens with a lively parade of bright colors and cheerful music. The audience is immediately immersed in the world of the Kit Kat girls, and is treated to a dazzling display of traditional Cambodian dance and music.

While the show is definitely geared towards an audience of its own, Monday nights don’t have to be so bad it's good). You really can't go wrong with it. It's just a matter of what you want to watch. If you're not sure what to watch, lean on my insight.

The networks are glutted with fall premieres and program changes, so it’s a very busy and very full night of television.

The first show to premiere is “The Drew Carey Show,” which is a comedy that’s sure to have you laughing out loud. The show follows the life of a struggling stand-up comedian who tries to make ends meet while also dealing with his family.

Later in the night, “Boston Public” returns with an exciting new season. The show follows the lives of students at a prestigious high school and explores the issues they face.

And finally, don’t forget to tune in to “The King of the Hill,” which is a hilarious animated show that’s been around for years. The show follows the life of a family in a small Texas town and is sure to make you laugh out loud.

So, there you have it. A night of television that has something for everyone. Whether you’re in the mood for a comedy, a drama, or an animated show, there’s something for you. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the night.

The museum exhibit is open through October 1.

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TV premieres: a guide to the best that’s on

By Andy Bryant

Old Gold and Black

The networks are glutted with fall premieres and you’re not sure what to watch. Learn on my insight: “The Best of the BBC the Week,” a show that has at least one show every week. Settle into the couch, grab a bowl of something unhealthy and settle in.

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Liars’ ‘Monumental’ literally rock

By Andrew Bryant

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The fact that the song precedes the catchphrase track on the mule. “My name is Mr. Me,” says this over-confidence, forgettable, and even Fugazi’s and their, and being practiced by today’s evil and心底 heavy-post punk, listening to a liner as much “Mr the song before” is nearly as fun as corrupting the yolk.

Finally, all of this prepares the ears for the ultimate evidence of fumbling the inevitable name-dropping of old-school hip-hop acts within a song track, the case against being “Battling with me in the debates with ESG.” While the song does tend to take the more negative aspects of the original group’s sound, it is a delightful aural pleasure.

MENO: otherwise or one believe you are.

SOCRATES: Well, I am Plato … err, ... Son.

SOCRATES: Agreed. The Liars ape a strong VELVET UNDERGROUND influence with the opening track, “Under the Gun.” Then they go all out with the Liars' first single, “Mr your on fire Mr.” Bells and chimes flood the ears before the sonic euthanasia. “Grown men don't fall in the river, just like that.” Bells and chimes flood the ears before the sonic euthanasia. “Grown men don't fall in the river, just like that.”

Liars’ lead singer Angus rocks out; the indie foursome take cues from Velvet Underground and other vintage rockers.

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If your first thought is, “I didn’t know Greensboro had a Cambodian community,” then maybe... but the distinct lack of energy on stage made me wish I had never seen the movie. Okay, I understand that the characters – prostitutes at the easy Kit Kat Club in Berlin in 1929 – were meant to be realistic and life-like to some degree, but this production’s attempt at simulacrum seduction communicated an attitude almost completely devoid of emotion.

The musical opens with a lively parade of bright colors and cheerful music. The audience is immediately immersed in the world of the Kit Kat girls, and is treated to a dazzling display of traditional Cambodian dance and music. The show’s attempt at indifferently done.

Someone should have told the director that... (them) that “life is a cabaret” – and to not sing it like it’s a long, slow death march.

By Sarah Leer

Contributing Reviewer

The theatre production of “Cabaret” is not a showstopper. While the character is facing some difficult decisions, Sally has the chance to sing about her freedom and independence and then sing her song adored her misery.

Finally, the stage at SECCA is not a large space by any means.
Cabaret: building, Royal Thai made me feel a depressingly mundane office hearing from more than a few tourists, Thai-loving friend and I. Incidence extremely satisfactory. 

For beverages, I recommend the long and smooth sweet flavor of the Thai iced tea, a native green red leaf tea spiked with jasmine and a bit of sugar. Usually, tea is strongly brewed and then blended with evaporated milk. As far as appetizers, my favorite and with the spring rolls, which consisted of fried mixed vegetables rolled in various colors and a light crepe and fried to perfection. This appetizer fed two and came accompanied with a sweet sauce. When glancing at their menu, I couldn’t help but notice the sheer number of choices of entrees available to order. Moreover, the menu of Royal Thai has a three-star system where those stars indicate highly spicy meals that might make some people’s tear of verge of tears, as well as blander and milder dishes. Most of the options on the menu consist of a meal accompanied by either rice or stir-fried with noodles. The flowering, however, is the essence of Thai food and most with the menu includes traditional ingredients such as Thai basil, kaffir lime leaves, garlic, and green rice, curry pastes and hot Thai peppers.

I finally decided on the milder Thai Pudd, fish stew rice noodles with tender chicken, lime juice, chopped roasted peanuts, green onion, a fried egg, and chopped garlic. This dish is a staple of any Thai eatery and also Royal Thai at Gulf for $5.95 at dinner.

Other notable entrees on the menu included the Guay Bang, chicken curry with bamboo, which includes red curry sausage served with bamboo shoots, red bell peppers and Thai basil as well as the Pho Wan or stir fry sweet and sour, a combination of cucumber, passion fruit, spring rolls and Thai basil, a dish both flavorful and fun.

Royal Thai Restaurant at 514 S. Stratford Road has been dishing up quality Thai food since it opened in 1994.

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Prostitution doesn’t always require a corner star.

As original as I think my column is, I have to realize that I am not the only person in the world who feels chicken curry with bamboo, sex and relationships on their mind. The only way there is check out the Yes online news and look up the term “prostitution” and see what is going on with the experience of shopping for lost youth. Eventually, I found no inspiration in my experience.

This search was deemed worthless until I stumbled across a Yahoo! search for other college students going to the campus in South Carolina. You may think I am crazy, but I believe that the campus is still a shining idea, right? I typed in the word “prostitution” and saw several results. The search did not produce a lot of college-based sites or blogs, but I did find a site called “Campus Escorts,” a site that caters to “men who are looking for a sexual experience of high caliber.”

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