Students petition the university to use Deacon Dollars at The Loop

By Rori Diner
Old Gold and Black Reporter

A proposal is being constructed that may change the face of the Deacon OneCard for university students.

Karl Brady, the chairman of Student Government’s physical planning committee, is spearheading a plan that would allow university students to use their Deacon cards at certain off-campus venues.

Though similar plans have been introduced in the past, there has never been a formal proposal presented to university administration. Citing the practices of other institutions such as Emory University and The College of William and Mary, Brady and the physical planning committee have set in motion what they think could be a much more harmonious relationship with the community of Winston-Salem.

“When people think of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill immediately comes to mind,” Brady said. “We think that the same should go for Winston-Salem upon the mention of Wake Forest.”

He added, “When introduced to the Student Government Legislature in November, the idea of off-campus dining was supported by 42 of 46 delegates.”

The plan, though still in its earliest stages of development, would attempt to involve as many community vendors and restaurants as possible. This seems increasingly possible as more community members pledge support.

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Student finds a vibrant culture as well as joy, strength, and hope.

It seems America has come crazy close to shedding all of its emotions in reaction to the death of Celia Cruz, the new Afro-Cuban Queen of Salsa. Dancing: Havana Night, it may seem that a lot more than gravity keeps pushing the Cubans down, yet they seem to be in their resilience.

Instead of warm Parisian breezes and gracious civility, I sought the sweltering heat while the maestros in the streets ran riot. Clearly, this American girl had arrived in Havana. For me the fascination of Cuba was beginning to come alive. It wasn’t in the politics of the international forum. It was in the stories of the Cuban people and the way they go about their day-to-day lives. A woman, named Naida. Strength; let me steal a peek into her harsh existence for tingly Spanish she warned of disease and drugs, love and hate, and just getting by. A building may fall that can’t make it but a lot more than gravity keeps pushing the Cubans down, yet they are unparalleled in their resilience. One thing that seems to get lost in the immense comparison of definitions and morals is the fact that the state doesn’t have a system (let alone one, more importantly, a right) to dictate either. How to define a “right” to a decent standard of living is beyond the reach of political or philosophical concepts. How, when it comes to legal autonomy and recognition, the state does have a responsibility—one that is dictated, not by individual religious convictions, but by the Constitution. The Bill of Rights and the various state laws. That is where the battle must be (and is being) fought. But the Code of Ponce points out (March 4th’s “Rights outweigh threats”), these are not the only issues with the law, the discrimination against specific groups and the imposition of particular religious doctrines threaten to do great damage to our collective freedom.

Preserving the traditional family” is seen as a right that can be active and legislating against a community that doesn’t accept marriage is a threat in the first place. Now doesn’t address these issues that actually do threaten families — poverty, lack of education, lack of opportunity, racism, and discrimination. It seeks the sanctity of marriage and family.

John Edward Martin
Free trade a positive force for America

Admittedly, Amnesty International tends to focus on non-political rather than the economic rights outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Focus on recognizing a “right” to a decent standard of living evokes a rather uncomfortable image of poverty. We can make a general consensus that every member of our society has the opportunity to escape poverty. And that proper government action of means rather than ends. In keeping with this idea, I believe in this is where dialogue should begin.

Although politicians on both sides of the aisle promote Latin America trade as an intellectual concept, Bush’s concessions to the steel industry actually worsen such a position. The concept of having an “economic standpoint, free trade policies unambiguously center around trade.”

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We feel that sophomore speaker of the house, Kyle Collins, shows great promise, especially with his access to information and knowledge. Between professors and the rest of campus, he lacks the sheer experience necessary to lead the student legislature, which was an outstanding positive shown in Brown. When we encourage Taylor to stay as active as possible next year and run again for an executive board position in the future.

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And, of course, students hungry for advancement are doing so that meaningly never ending task: filling out applications.

Personally, I can’t even remember the last time I didn’t have to fill out a couple of applications in the springtime—be they for a job or a scholarship or housing or to acquire a job or get into college or a program. And if it isn’t applications for things, people all around the campus and elsewhere insist on having to write justification after justification as to why they apply for whatever it is they apply for and why they received it last year in the first place.

Simple, we students have an immense burden to prove our worth, a perhaps more immense burden more so than at any other time—be it an employer or a graduate school or an administrator.

It seems that our board of trustees and treasurer’s department formerly worked with U.S. Airways and United Airlines.

So where is the money going? Even in the wake of faculty and staff furloughs, what other expenses have been cut to make up for rising costs across the board? Students deserve to know where their tuition dollars go! Following their 2002 agreement, the worstHandled by ABBAREX and the bookstore will undoubtedly push the limits of fiscal growth was a mere 0.04 percent, which is far lower than the fiscal growth that yet politicians blame imports for their employment.  

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Orson Scott Card examines Iraq and international policy

By Jordan Rae Smith
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Orson Scott Card, the local writer best known for his science-fiction work Ender’s Game, presented a lecture at 7 p.m. March 25 in Wait Chapel to an audience of about 150 students, faculty and community members.

Card’s lecture moved beyond the genre of science-fiction, as he used the war in Iraq as a topic for inspiring civil discourse. “These days, there has been a lot of unremitting discourse about the war which we engage in, a lot of charges and countercharges,” Card said.

Card sought to instigate informed civil discourse in his lecture. “Even if we don’t reach the same conclusions, we can at least have a common ground,” Card said.

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Debate team shines at CEDA

By Patrick Brennan
Old Gold and Black Reporter

If you're a student at Wake Forest, college basketball is on your mind around this time of year, for good reason too. Sophomore debaters James Carroll and Hall are no different. But they have an additional reason to root for the Deacons, one that is the National Debate Tournament. While Carroll was excited about the program's visit to Louisville, Ky., in early March to represent the university in the Cross Examination Debate Association’s (CEDA) National Tournament. It was there they secured a fifth-place finish out of 191 teams. “In debate there are two national tournaments during the year and (the CEDA Tournament) is the first one of the year,” Carroll said. “The one after that is the National Debate Tournament.”

While Carroll was excited about the fact that he and Hall are only sophomores and are already successful debaters, he said credit was also due to the rest of the team. “It’s a pretty good testament to how good the Wake coaching staff and the debate program is getting these days,” he said.

Each debating season a national committee of judges-decides on a statement that will be the topic of every match that year. This year’s topic was whether the U.S. federal government should invite the Europeans to help us with Iraq’s reconstruction. If we had our allies assisting us with Iraq’s reconstruction, our competitor would then respond with a negative statement such as, “If we brought in the Europeans then it would actually make things work because many issues of loyalty and distrust would be counterproductive to the reconstruction process. Case and Point, the United States does not have a trusting relationship with the French Government.”

Beside points for the win at the end of the round, the judge awards speaker points. He or she gives each speaker between 1-3 speaker points, and he ranks the four debaters in descending order and assigns points that correspond with the speaker’s rank. Additionally, the top 25 speakers are awarded at the end of each tournament.

Coaches J.P. Lacy and Samuel Maurice traveled to Louisville with Hall and Carroll. The coaches are very involved in the debate process. While they do not participate during the actual interaction of the debate, before the debate, the coaches come in and scout other teams and judges. The coaches prepare the team as to what they should say, in addition to determining what arguments appeal to what judges.

The most significant National Debate Tournament will occur during the weekend of April 2-4. “Every year the Wake Debate Program represents the institution pretty well,” Carroll said. “Every year (the program) finishes in the top 10 and is famous nationwide.”

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“We already had a bid guaranteed because they guarantee a bid to the top 16 teams in the country, and we’re obviously in the top 16 this year,” Carroll said. The format of the CEDA Tournament involved two teams going head-to-head. One team is randomly chosen to present an affirmative argument and the competitor negates their affirmation. The nature of a national debate tournament resembles the NCAA Tournament bracket. Debate teams are seeded much like basketball teams are seeded. For example, Carroll and Hall are seeded fifth in the upcoming National Debate Tournament bracket. After the bracket is decided teams advance from their beginning position, and the final team in the bracket is the champion. The actual exchange during the debate involves the affirmative position, depending on which team has decided to go first, presenting an affirmative argument and then the negating team is given a chance for a rebuttal. The negating team gives reasons why the affirmative statement is not true and generally they give research evidence to support their argument. At the end of the round, the judge decides which team wins based upon the arguments he has presented and their overall effectiveness.

“There are two people teams and one debater controls the affirmative side and the other controls the negative side,” Carroll said.

In the university’s debating duo Carroll serves in the capacity that provides the affirmative argument and Hall is in charge of negating the team’s statement. While they do not participate during the weekend of April 2-4. “Every year the Wake Debate Program represents the institution pretty well,” Carroll said. “Every year (the program) finishes in the top 10 and is famous nationwide.”

University team takes fifth, gets automatic bid to nationals

Even before this most recent CEDA tournament the South Atlantic League Debate Program was in the top 16 this year. This year the topic was whether the United States does not have a trusting relationship with the French Government.

Perhaps CP3 and the boys should take a lesson from Carroll and Hall who traveled to Louisville, Ky., in early March to represent the university in the Cross Examination Debate Association’s (CEDA) National Tournament. It was there they secured a fifth-place finish out of 191 teams.

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Tenth annual festival celebrates multicultural arts

By Ally Diljohn
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Both local and South American dancers, bands, choirs and art will join together March 28 in celebration of the 10th annual Festival de los Artes. This is a "wonderful community event," said Mia Rossi, of Reynolda House public relations.

The event is hosted by the Reynolda House and the university’s department of romance languages. About 2,000 people are expected to attend the celebrations of Hispanic culture, Judith Smith, the director of public relations at Reynolda House, said.

Throughout the event visitors will have an opportunity to view performances by several Hispanic groups. These include music by Mariachi Mi Tierra, a Mariachi band from Greensboro and two children’s choirs, the Hispanic Children’s choir and another from Hall-Woodward Elementary, will be singing during the event. The performances will be in Spanish.

Also performing will be costumed dancers who are natives of Panama. The dancers will be performing with second and third grade children from Jones Elementary in Greensboro.

Art activities overseen by museum staff will also be available. The festival is always in Spanish because it is a means of celebrating the Hispanic heritage in the native language, Smith said.

The event is hosted by the Reynolda House and is one of several community festivals they host annually. "It’s our gift to the community," Smith said.

In addition to the performances, tours of the museum will be given in Spanish as well as in English. Some of the highlighted paintings will be those that pertain to Latin America. These include works of art from a Hudson River School painter who worked in South America and a piece by Frederik Church of the Andes Mountains in Ecuador.

Professors from the department of romance languages as well as Spanish-speaking university students will be located near some of the paintings throughout the museum to explain the artwork. The 11 students participating are Spanish majors and minors as well as members of the Spanish honor society and Club Hispano.

This is the second time that the department of romance languages has assisted with the festival. Encarna Turner, a professor of Spanish and the university coordinator for the event, was very optimistic about the upcoming festival.

"It’s a way for us to make the Spanish community feel comfortable," she said regarding the students’ efforts at the event.

A large focus of the festival is the celebration of diversity. "The festival is on Sunday because traditionally it is a Hispanic family day," Smith said.

Mariachi Mi Tierra is one of several local mariachi bands. Directed by Errol Lopez of Greensboro, the band performs at many private parties and restaurants in the area.

Coinciding with the Festival de los Artes is the Secrest Art Series performance entitled "Masters of Mexican Music." The performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 26 in Wait Chapel.

The festival began ten years ago, in large part because of Smith’s work.

According to Smith, she began the festival after working with the Hispanic League of the Piedmont Triad on "Fiesta," the larger Hispanic festival held downtown annually in the fall.

She thought that it would be a good idea to have a similar festival at Reynolda House.

"It’s a way for us to make the Spanish community feel comfortable," she said regarding the students’ efforts at the event.

"When similar programs were implemented at comparable institutions they were met with overwhelming success," Karl Brady said.

Duke University’s proposal to incorporate Durham restaurants into the Duke Card system was also started with the student government initiative and was accepted by the university’s administration.

Duke currently has a Loop franchise on their campus where students can purchase food, drink and desserts on "points." Other restaurants offer delivery on points to the dorm rooms and local apartment complexes in Durham.

Brady’s proposal is tentatively scheduled for presentation even before the board of trustees in April.

"Some of the ideas will be discussed at the Student Government meeting, where it was met with approval."
Series educates students

Great Decisions delivers debate on U.S. foreign policy

St. Dan Parsons, Contributing Reporter

Even while living comfortably within U.S. borders, it remains the duty of citizens to understand the foreign policy employed by the nation. This is especially vital now that the United States finds itself embroiled in perhaps the most volatile foreign policy debate since the Cold War. The United States is engaged in two major military conflicts at present, one in Iraq against the Iraqi regime and one worldwide against a global terrorist infrastructure. Foreign policy regarding these and other international relationships that include the United States affect not only the foreign countries but the domestic citizenry as well.

"America's foreign policy affects us directly from its decisions to go to war to levels of security and defense, from our economy to travel abroad," said Yomi Durotoye, series coordinator and a senior lecturer in political science. It therefore becomes an American citizen's duty to educate themselves on U.S. foreign policy. Fortunately, university students, faculty and in addition to Winston-Salem residents will have an opportunity to do just that with the Great Decisions 2004 lecture series.

"What we do is offer the campus community and Winston-Salem residents an opportunity to hear lectures on current U.S. foreign policy issues," Durotoye said. "This is one of the larger, community-oriented duties of the university." We hope to aid in the development of a community of well-informed individuals who will take active interest in affecting foreign policy the best way they know how," he said. Great Decisions is the creation of the United States Foreign Policy Association.

It is an event offered by universities nationwide and has been hosted by Wake Forest for over 30 years. Visiting professor and Fullbright Scholar Rohan Ricketts delivered the first lecture of the series, "Middle Eastern Political Reform: Past and Future." Durotoye said. "The series allows students, faculty and the larger Winston-Salem community alike to participate in foreign policy debates led by individuals who possess credible knowledge of the issues.

"We wish to aid in national development by doing so," Durotoye said. Durotoye acknowledged the office of international studies for lending institutional support for the series, which will be held Thursday from March 18 to April 22 at 7 p.m. The funds will come from the second $50 fee. The student activities fee is earmarked for a student recreation center. The committee on behalf of the student activities fee is not earmarked for a student recreation center. The faculty committee will be accepting applications on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. The maximum amount that one can receive is $5,000, though the committee chairman can authorize more funds in special cases. A budget for the event must be submitted with the application. Applications are available through Mary Gerardy, the associate vice president for student life.

Anyone can submit an application for funding, but they must meet several important criteria.

The first condition set by the guidelines is that, "though lectures and cultural activities are important components of a vital campus community," such events "exist in abundance at Wake Forest and not considered for funding."

Among others are: the event must be receive funding approval before it occurs; it must either enhance an existing campus tradition or have the potential to develop into a new tradition; it must either unite the campus or have campus-wide appeal; it must be open to all students; it should involve collaboration between several groups; and events held on Friday or Saturday will be given priority. However, any and all students are encouraged to apply for funding to the committee.

"Our goal is to help groups who get this money by making sure that they do," Gerardy said. "But our other goal is to encourage groups to provide social options and enhance traditions."

Gerardy hopes that students and student organizations will take the initiative to make good use of these funds.

"We'll be very careful about how we spend the money, but we don't want any left on the table," Gerardy said. "That's not in the students' best interest.

Gerardy heads the committee, along with "two other staff members from the programming unit of the division of student life" as directed by the guidelines.

Mike Ford, the director of student development, and Kathy Arnett, the associate director of the Benson University Center, fill those spots. Students serving on the committee include one student union representative, currently filled by sophomore Bryan Provon and, one Student Government representative, new sophomore Reggie Mathis. The student trustee, a position currently held by senior Ashley Miller, also has a vote. The at-large student spots were intended to be open to two students, but Gerardy said three capable students were invited to join the committee.

"We wanted to make sure that there were more students than administrators so that students would carry the vote," she said.

Junior Doug Hutton, senior Victoria Gillen and sophomore Matt Gutschick fill those positions. The Old Gold and Black editor in chief who also has a non-voting seat on the committee through its first year, currently filled by junior Angel Sporti.
The ultimate challenge was to create a solution that, while evaluating the main problems of the case, also reached above and beyond the ordinary to present a solution in a creative way.

Jonathan Fenton
Fifth-Year Senior

Obviously, each team was going to find differing aspects of the case more or less pertinent and would choose to focus their solutions from numerous angles, Fenton said.

Therefore, the ultimate challenge was to create a solution that, while evaluating the main problems of the case, also reached above and beyond the ordinary to present a solution in a creative way," he said.

Fenton said one strategy the team used was to make up another fictional country that they used to compare to the original in the analytical phase. He said although the information presented was important, with so many teams participating in the competition, many came to similar conclusions.

Fenton said the unique presentation of the material was most important and set the university’s team apart from all the others in the competition.

The judges, employees of Price-waterHouseCoopers, focused on three main areas in evaluating the teams: critical thinking, which means embracing the ambiguity of the case material and working to create persuasive arguments, presentation quality and teamwork.

The team received $10,000, and a trip to New York to spend a day at the Price-waterHouseCoopers’ headquarters for winning at the national level. They also received $1,000 for winning the competition at the school level.

Ludwick said after dividing it up, each student won $2,200, and their faculty adviser received prize money as well.

“I was good and saved most of it,” Ludwick said. “But I spent a nice chunk of it going skiing for spring break with my boyfriend.”

Price-waterHouseCoopers is a company that provides industry-focused assurance, tax and advisory services for public and private clients.

This was the first year of xACT, which was designed as a national campus-initiative to give students a taste of real world accounting issues. xACT stands for "external accounting," reflecting the challenging and high-level case materials used.

Greg Garrison, U.S. Assurance Leader of Price-waterHouseCoopers, said xACT is all about teamwork and critical thinking.

“It gave the participants the opportunity to think about important issues and to convince others that their position was best,” Garrison said.

And most importantly, the experiences three teams walk away with after having participated in xACT will serve them throughout their educational and professional careers,” he said.

One requirement of the competition is that two members from each team must be sophomores, which was decided on to increase the exposure of younger students.

The other universities chosen as the top five at the national finals were Bucknell University, Penn State, University of Iowa, and Villanova University.

Twenty-eight universities sent teams to the original competition, there was no limit to the number of teams sent.

Tietjen: Death ruled natural

Death ruled natural as a result of complications from biliary cirrhosis, according to an autopsy conducted at the medical examiner’s office in Fort Lee, N.J.

Mary Elizabeth Tietjen, 25, of Leonia, N.J., died March 22 of natural causes. She was a 1999 graduate of Leonia High School.

Several campus denominations joined together March 24 to worship in a group service, “As One.” The Wait Chapel gathered at the church and went to nearby churches.

Tietjen was the daughter of the original "Band on the Run," the band that was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1982.

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Tietjen was responsible for preparing lab materials for students and had been working with the university since Jan., 2001.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. March 27 at St. John’s Catholic Church in Leonia, N.J. A wake will take place from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. March 26 at the Pati Mikhailian Funeral Home in Fort Lee, N.J.

Tietjen is survived by her parents, Theresa and John H. Tietjen, her sister, Theresa Emma Tietjen, her niece, Morgan Brittany Tietjen and her fiancé, Jonathan Sapp.

Gifts in Tietjen’s memory may be made to the Mary Elizabeth Tietjen Scholarship Fund, Leonia High School. For more information please call (201) 994-0100.

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"At this point there is no reason to believe suspicious circumstances surrounded her death,” Regina Lawson, University Police Chief, said before the autopsy report was back.

The remainder of the autopsy test results are due in approximately six weeks, according to a broadcast email sent late afternoon March 24.

Gathered Together

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The candidates for Student Government Positions 2004-05

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Elections: Candidates strive for unity, education

Students need to know more about how things work," Settlemire said. With Settlemire as secretary, all constituents would receive a more detailed newsletter about SG happenings that would provide "a greater link between the legislator and the constituents."

The last office up for grabs March 30 is that of the treasurer. Freshman Peter Ayoub thinks he’s right for the job because, “I would go through the budget with a fine-tooth comb, looking at the organizations and what they do with their money.”

Ayoub currently serves as a SG legislator as well as on the appropriations and charter committee. Sophomore candidate James Charestal proposes, if elected treasurer, to host an end-of-the-year meeting for all new organization executives, so that the student leaders will be introduced to budgetary matters before the fall’s SBAC allocations.

Junior Nicole Lim wants to eliminate the confusion with SBAC by encouraging more communication between student organizations and SG. “I want to keep an open-door policy to all student organizations,” Lim said. “Sometimes Student Government isn’t informed, it’s just about communication between execs and students.”

Students will be able to vote for all the positions through WIN March 30 from midnight to midnight. The transition of officers begins at the end of the semester.
To grow into an undergraduate campus together to provide more opportunities. It is time to put the STUDENT back in.

Campaign Statement:  "Wake Forest Fund Drive, 2003; Co-Chairman, Student Co-Chairman, Brian Piccolo Cancer 2004-Present; IFC Vice-President, 2003; President of the Interfraternity Council, 2004-Present; BRADY FOR SG PRESIDENT.

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CAMPION STATEMENT: no, i am not interested in politics. i am not interested in being a figure-head who dresses nice and gives speeches at ceremonies. student government has the potential to improve the quality of Student life as a whole, and i believe that the manifestation positive change, an ordinary guy who wants to make actual progress should have a chance.

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Name: Peter Ayoub
Office you are seeking: Treasurer
Class: 2007
CAMPUS ADDRESS: 216 Piccolo Hall
PO Box: 9076
Phone: x1574
Email: Peter.ayoub@wfu.edu
Experience: Student Government Treasurer; EB (2003-2004)
Campaign Statement: I am a candidate for treasurer because I have the experience and ambition to take on this position. My two years as treasurer will have taught me how to properly spend the student organizations’ funds. I have learned how to balance a budget and how to keep the money the student organizations have appropriately accounted for. If elected, I would have a passion for the job and I would like to work hard to help every organization on campus get what they need. I would like to make it easier for organizations to get funding and to make the process more accessible. I am sure that I am qualified for this position because I am enthusiastic about helping the students of Wake Forest University and I am excited to run for this position!

Name: James Checeral
Treasurer
Sophomore
Name: 758-6684
PO Box: 7133
CAMPUS ADDRESS: 758-6684
PHONE: 336-758-6684
NAME: James Checeral
Rising Junior

Campaign Statement: I am the most experienced candidate for the position of treasurer. I have taken the time to learn the process of an organization and how the books work. I am familiar with the process of filing a budget and I understand how to budget for an organization. I will not spend the money carelessly and I will make sure to keep the books in order. My experiences as a treasurer have taught me that the student organizations need to have their presence known on campus.

Name: Brandon Neal
Office Sought: Honor and Ethics Council
Class: Sophomore
Campaign Address: Palmer Residence Hall Room 905
Telephone Number: 758-7004
Post Office Box: 8212
Experience: Resident Advisor, Drum Major for Wake Forest Marching Band, and Assistant to the Archivist, Wake Forest Archives
Campaign Statement: I am the best candidate for the position of treasurer because I have the experience of working on the HEC sets me apart from the competition. I have seen what it takes to run this office for one year in this task.

Name: Nikki Pérez
Office You are seeking: Honor and Ethics Council
Class: Junior
P.O. Box: 9873
Name: 7183
(336)758-6519
CAMPUS ADDRESS: 340 Piccolo Hall
PHONE: 7183
EXPERIENCE: Chair of the SG Race Relations Committee, Senior Against Global AIDS Treasurer, Danceline, First International Service Trip to Calcutta, India, Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund Committee, I.E.A.D. Participant Spring 2003, mentor spring 2004
Campaign Statement: I would be happy to bring a fresh perspective to the council, and I welcome your vote!
Men's tennis beats Terps, falls to Devils

By Don Popola
Old Gold and Black Reporter

The No. 46-ranked men's tennis team earned its first ACC victory of the season by defeating Maryland 7-0 March 21, but then fell to Duke March 26, 6-1.

The sweep of the Terps began early as the Deacs won all three doubles matches to go up 1-0.

Freshman Andrew Hamar and sophomore Brett Loewenthal defeated the No.1 doubles team of Ross and Hamar was defeated by the No.2 pair of Loewenthal and Simpson, made quick work of the No.3 duo of Hamilton and Morgan.

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Spring: Fest is rockin’

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presence and applause that will be the real award.

The final day of SpringFest, March 27, offers a little bit of everything, all free of cost and reminiscent of summer relaxation.

Serious, what better to bring in the palm trees and pineapples of an idyllic summer vacation more than the music of Jimmy Buffett?

As such, the tropical tunings of Key West, a Jimmy Buffett cover band, will provide a real soundtrack to all those participating in the inflatable games on the Mag Quad, available all Saturday afternoon.

Student Government will provide free barbeque and free beer (for only those over 21), as the music shifts from the Florida Keys to Jamaica at 2 p.m. The Reggae group Jah Creation will take the stage at 7 p.m., as students continue to romp until the official end of SpringFest that evening.

Of the variety of events on campus the remainder of this week, there is sure to be something for everyone, a fact very important to organizers in Student Union, such as SpringFest coordinator sophomore Tiffany Settles.

"Express my deepest gratitude to everyone on the Student Union team and the student body for their honest feedback on the things the wanted to see on campus this year," she said.

You asked for it, and now you’ve got it – a wild array of fun-in-the-sun activities to help you make it through the rest of the semester.

Apply some sunscreen, don your shades and join other students, such as junior David Cho, in getting a sneak peek at the summer to come in this once a year, campus-wide party.

"It’s cool enough to participate," Cho said. "I hope it all works out. I want the school to be enthused."

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Women's tennis ends skid, upsets No. 9 UNC

At Florida -

No. 43 Florida State March 21 at Leigh Cline. Proctor clinched matches, though, meaning the match dall Cline.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Todd Paul

By Jason Maldita
Sports Editor

Dick Wade probably doesn’t even know it, but when
he says that Wake Forest’s Paul is one of the top “Diaper
Dandies” of the year, he could be talking about a guy
who plays at the Joel Coliseum, rather than
the Joel Coliseum. That’s because the Deacs have
another sensational rookie, Todd Paul, on the men’s
tennis team. Paul’s 25-8 singles record (including
the fall season) is by far the best on the team, and
he has consistently played near the top of the
lineup. Our Jason Maldita sat down with Paul for an
exclusive interview.

Old Gold and Black: Do you ever hear jokes about being the “other” Wake Forest
freshman star named Paul?

Todd Paul: Yeah. I heard about that
last week – I read it in the “Deac of the
Week.” I thought it was pretty funny. I like
the recognition.

OG&B: How have you been able to
make the transition to college tennis so
quickly?

TP: It definitely helps. I know I’m not the only
one playing well. I don’t really
look at it as any different from juniors.
OG&B: After going to high school
in Connecticut, how did you end up
here?

TP: A friend of mine that goes
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OG&B: You’re an emotional player. How
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TP: My forehand.

OG&B: How much has it helped to have
another freshman, (Andrew) Hassan, who
has also been able to come in and play at
a high level?

TP: It definitely helps, too. But, for instance, if I lose
the first set or I’m getting killed, it
definitely doesn’t help because I think it might, like,
drag me down.
OG&B: But when you’re winning it’s good,
righ?

TP: Yeah. It definitely helps.

OG&B: Four years from now, after
you’ve done with your Wake Forest
career, what would you like to have
accomplished?

TP: I thought (the transition
to college tennis) would be a little tougher. I
didn’t think I’d be winning this many
matches, and I have.

OG&B: Did you expect to contribute
this much early in your career?

TP: No. No, I thought it would be
a little tougher. I didn’t think I’d be winning this many matches, and I have.

OG&B: After going to high school in Connecticut, how did you end up
here?

TP: A friend of mine that goes
with (David) Loewenthal moving
up here?
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After all, it was I who picked against Machtanich, when everyone in the world was betting me not to; it was I who broke the Cardinal role of Brackville. “Never take a Dave Olmnd coach-led team in the NCAA Tournament.” And that is in the unbreakable pain, what a fear, a fear that I had attempted to swallow an entire 24 oz. mazo, I had tried to lose a double-digit lead, I can even focus the entire fury of my pain and blood on Billy Packer, but in the end, for every finger I point, I cannot avoid the cold stare of the three that point straight at my own heart, piercing it with the love that I have made. I’m sorry, Bracky. I know that my all, my everything, my bracket, has been torn to pieces by my own hand. And for that, I ask for your forgiveness face to face.

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Tennis: Match against Duke
Wednesday at Leighton Stadium

Junior Derrick Spice won 8-4.
Virginia remained undefeated in conference play as each team split the singles’ points 3-3. No. 68 junior Derrick Spice beat Robert Kowalczyk 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in a thriller. No. 83 Harris defeated Dimitrios Saitis 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Loewenthal lost the first two singles matches as the Deacs fell 6-1. In the No. 3 match, the Deacs' singles and sophomore Lon Strassus also lost their singles matches.

The only wins of the day for Wake Forest involved Paul. After teaming up with Spice for the Deacs' only doubles win, Paul won his singles match 6-4, 7-5.
The Deacs’ record now stands at 8-2, 3-1 in the ACC. However, they are optimistic that they can improve. Freshmen Paul and Hamar are getting better with each match, and Loewenthal is still recovering from his shoulder surgery.

Loewenthal said, "Our focus has always been to peak come ACC Tournament time." Coming together as a team will be incredibly important, especially with the large number of doubles points that must be won.

“We seem to be a lot more positive," Hamar said. “We know we have the talent. It’s just molding it all together to get the best out of us.”

With many competitive teams in the ACC, the conference title could go any which way.

“We are very excited about our upcoming matches in the ACC,” Loewenthal said. “The conference title in April is up for grabs.”

Track: Outdoor season underway
as Deacons shine at Chapel Hill

There were even more outstanding performances on the men’s side with the 800-meter runners leading the way.

Freshman Chris Catton took charge in the 800-meter, winning the event, with sophomore Brad Wharton right behind him in second place. Overall there were five Demon Deacons finishing in the top 10 of the event, a very impressive number for so early in the season.

“Our team is very strong in the middle distances (800-meter/1,500-meter) and I think it is very important to send a message that we are ready to run ... I fully expect our team to rebound from the indoor season and compete well outdoors,” Catton said.

The 800-meter competitors were not the only men shining for Wake Forest at Chapel Hill. Sophomore Mike Loyd took first place in the 110-meter hurdles and third place in the 400-meter hurdles. Junior Brian Smith finished first in the 3,000-meter event with sophomore Sean Stevens right behind him in third.

Sophomore Josh Carter threw well enough for second place in the shot put; and sophomore Eric Seely had a huge day, topping a second place finish in the 400-meter event and a third place finish in the 200-meter dash.

There were also two members of the team who competed March 18-19 at the College Station Melas on the campus of Texas A&M. Junior Casey Richards competed in the gold division of the women’s heptathlon and finished ninth with 4657 points. In men’s action, junior Mike Puschett finished 12th in the bronze division of the decathlon, including a first-place distance of 41-06.00 in the shot put. Puschett recorded a total of 3,416 points in the event.

Overall, the team is confident and is holding the ground running in the outdoor season.

“If everyone can stay healthy and focused then there are no excuses for not performing well this season,” Wharton said.

The Deacs hope to continue their promising start as they hit the road for a meet on March 26-27 at Stanford University.

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By Al Wright
Old Gold and Black Reporter

Take a step outside. Take a deep breath. What’s that familiar, potent, glorious smell in the air? Cut grass, of course! Like the daffodils blooming in the woods, the gradually rising temperatures and the pleasant calls of birds recently returned to campus, and this lush, grassy aroma mean only one thing: spring has finally arrived.

To welcome this season of rebirth, rejuvenation and a certain degree of reveling after a cold and snowy winter, Student Union is now sponsoring its annual SpringFest, a week-long celebration featuring a laundry list of free and entertaining events for students.

SpringFest kicked off March 22 with a lecture by musician and critic Barry Drake, “Rock and Roll in the ‘70s: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly.” Though thoroughly interesting and lively with countless samples of ‘70s music, the talk, as an opening event, was rather sparsely attended.

“I wasn’t really satisfied with the turnout tonight,” said Student Union lecture coordinator and senior Kiley Smith. “He’s such an engaging speaker, and I wish more people could have seen this.”

Following the event were three live music acts that catered to moderately larger crowds. Theta Chi Fraternity’s Rogue Snafu performed March 23 at Shorty’s, and the same venue hosted performances of Mosadi Music from Shirlette Ammons, Chris Boerner, Nic Slaton and Apple Juice Kid, and pure hip-hop, from The Roots’ DJ Scratch March 24.

Junior Jeannette Arrowood said she really enjoyed Mosadi. “I didn’t know they were here. I came here to see Scratch, but these guys were here and they’re good,” Arrowood said. Luckily, for those of us too swamped with homework to attend the first events of SpringFest, there is still plenty to come. The rest of this week is full of a variety of entertaining options for students to catch some outdoor amusement and revel in the renewal.

The Academy Award-winning film Finding Nemo will be shown on a massive outdoor screen at 7 p.m. March 25 on the Mag Quad. Though marketed to a younger audience, the film’s quirky humor and beach-side themes can certainly appeal to those of us wishing to return to the sand and surf of spring break or to fast-forward to the blissful days of summer.

However, if digital cartoon antics aren’t quite your cup of tea, be sure at least to visit the Mag Quad after the movie, as the screen will transform from a magical undersea world full of talking fish to the exciting landscape of East Rutherford, New Jersey, where the basketball team will challenge the No. 1 seed St. Joseph’s in a Sweet 16 match up. If you thought toilet-papering the Quad after the victory over Duke was exciting, just wait and see your classmates’ school spirit in the midst of March Madnessarris your fingers. Please don’t let this be a jinx and upset the basketball gods … Okay, carry on.

As classes end this week, the fun will continue with a Battle of the Bands at 6 p.m. March 26 on the Mag Quad. Student bands slated to perform include Graylight Shadows, Jacob-Jones Project, Marck Zan and Jack, Tyrian-monsoon What!, Strategery and *untitled.*

Assessed by a panel of judges, the winning group will receive a gift card and a commemorative plaque, but it will surely be the crowd...

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Ready to party? Check out the rest of the SpringFest schedule...

March 25
Finding Nemo and Wake vs. St. Joseph’s on the big screen
7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Mag Quad

March 26
Battle of the Bands
6 p.m., Mag Quad

March 27
Key West party
12 p.m., Mag Quad

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Ferdinand: don't judge too quick

Franz Ferdinand's trendy image defeated by sound

By Brett Baxter
Old Gold and Black Reporter

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**World cultures come together care-of-music**

By Jennifer Berent  
Coordinating Reviewer

While most of the students watched the second round of the NCAA playoffs, a small but lucky group attended the World Music Concert on March 20 in the Brodhead Recital Hall. Sophomore Jason Nguyen organized the event after studying traditional Vietnamese folk music over the past summer.

“I spent this past summer in Montreal on a Reynolds scholarship grant studying Vietnamese folk music with world-renowned musician Pham Duc Thanh, focusing on the Dan Bau, or monochord. Nguyen felt that it was only natural to integrate his musical heritage into his university’s theme year.

“Vietnamese music has always been a very intimate part of my life. It is everything from the lullabies my mother sang to me as a child to the local festival music of the Lunar New Year,” Nguyen said.

Sophomore Jason Nguyen tunes his Dan Bau, or monochord, an instrument of Vietnamese origin, played by plucking strings. The overall blend was unique of Brazilian guitar and American jazz, with guitar and saxophone respectively. The two instruments were an interesting blend, at times sounding a little disjointed, then at other moments fitting together in a smooth union of the two styles.

Mohammed Navahandi’s Persian music provided the highlight of the concert. Navahandi of Charlotte played the san, a 72-string instrument played with two wooden mallets. He performed four selections from various regions of Iran, all having a long, melancholy tone. At times the mallets danced rapidly over the strings before settling into an infectious beat. His final selection was a headlong flight of notes, which merited a cacophonous ovation.

The last four songs were performed by the entire group with Jason Nguyen on monochord, freshman Jennifer Nguyen and Osah Hong of Charlotte, a graduate of Vietnam’s National Music Conservatory. They played four songs from different regions of Vietnam. The monochord’s vocal range was countered by the variety of notes from the accomplished other players. The overall blend was unique and beautiful.

“I organized the concert in such a way that there was a gradual movement toward more and more exotic musical styles, starting with something more familiar such as jazz and blues, and ending with the Vietnamese and Persian folk music,” Nguyen said.

I hope that this structure allowed people to realize the broad range of sounds that can be heard in music from all around the world, and although I don’t expect people to suddenly go out and buy albums of Vietnamese folk music, I will feel that I did my job if people just stop and listen next time they hear an unfamiliar musical sound,” Nguyen said.

Nguyen will return to Montreal this summer to continue his music studies. He hopes to organize a full concert of the Vietnamese folk music next fall.

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